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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Next Move

It can be forecast, with a fair degree of certainty, that a Canal Users' Association will be created at tomorrow's London conference of the 18 nations which approved the Dulles plan for the future control and management of the Suez Canal. For the sponsors of this scheme, however, the important thing is that it should be unanimously supported.

Several delegates are attending the conference with an open mind, not so much on the question of the desirability or necessity of the proposal, but its feasibility, and to what lengths the organisation should go to assert its authority.

The hope, although it must remain a faint one, is that if the delegates, as they did at the earlier London conference, continue to display a solid front, Col Nasser will be sensible and co-operate. If, as it now appears, some of the 18 nations are prepared to shoot a way through the Canal, the Egyptian President can be expected to refuse to permit entry into the waterway to ships and pilots of the Users' Association.

ON the basis of such a situation it is tempting for Col Nasser to believe that the creation of a Users' Association is merely a piece of bluff. It would be a wholly incorrect conclusion to reach. The mere existence of such an organisation conveys the determination of the principal users of the Canal to ensure its continued existence as an international waterway.

For Egypt, the Canal becomes a heavy liability unless it is being constantly used by world shipping and yielding substantial revenue. Nasser cannot, for any length of time, afford to run the Canal as a bankrupt enterprise. The principal users of the waterway can better bear the economic and financial strains and stresses of being denied availability of the Canal than can Egypt hold out against the resultant formidable losses in revenue.

Creation of the Users' Association is not the solution to the Suez Canal problem, but it will constitute another warning to Col Nasser that the Canal's principal customers are not prepared to accept his sole domination of the waterway.

By refusing to have any dealings with the Users' Association, or to reconsider negotiating an agreement based on the original Dulles plan, Nasser may succeed in having the issue brought before the United Nations, though it is difficult to see what good this will do him.

A PROLONGED debate in that world forum will contribute nothing towards the successful operation and maintenance of the Canal by Egypt; it will not lure the members of the Users' Association into sending their ships through the Canal; it will not solve Egypt's problem of insufficient pilots; nor will it yield currency to make good the Canal revenues that are being lost.

Col Nasser's refusal to be either reasonable or realistic must in the long run be his undoing. The principal users of the Canal are already in the process of planning for a long-term diversion of shipping. It would be grievously costly, but it could be maintained. And for the canal the result would be stagnation.

This is the responsibility which the Egyptian President is assuming by refusing to negotiate a fair and reasonable agreement with the nations whose shipping sustains the prosperity and effectiveness of the Canal.

DULLES LEAVES FOR LONDON TALKS

Washington, Sept. 17. The US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, left here for London by air this afternoon to attend the conference on a Suez Canal Users Association.

Earlier a London announcement said all 18 nations invited to the "Users Association" conference had accepted. The last "yes" was received tonight from Ethiopia.

All 18 Attending

Before leaving he told reporters he had heard no definite figure fixed for American dollar aid to nations which might be affected by any Suez Canal stoppage. Mr Dulles said: "There was no specific figure

whatsoever that I have heard mentioned." A reporter asked him if he meant that the United States was considering only loans involved to meet the extra cost of American oil, and was not considering loans to subsidise nations to cover the extra cost of diverting freight around the cape.

He replied: "That's right. We don't know yet how much increased United States exports will be called for, and all that is highly problematical." Another correspondent asked Mr Dulles if the United States might not offer freight loans. He replied he did not think such loans would be the function of the export-import bank.

Asked about the possibility of foreign aid funds being used to cover Western Europe's extra costs involved in buying American oil, Mr Dulles said: "I don't know. I will have to study it."

BIG U.S. BOMBER CRASHES

San Francisco, Sept. 17. A giant eight-jet B-52 global bomber crashed to earth in a "ball of flame" near Madera late today. Five of the crew of seven were killed.

The plane, latest of the Strategic Air Command's intercontinental atomic bombers, normally carries a crew of six. It crashed into an open field within 100 yards of a farmhouse, setting fire to a small unoccupied building.

Some of the wreckage was scattered on the main North-South artery through California's San Joaquin Valley. Other pieces landed on the Southern Pacific Railroad's mainline tracks.

A towering column of black smoke marked the scene of the crash.

This was the second crash involving a B-52 since the bombers were placed in operation. The first occurred last February with an explosion in the substructure over Tracy, California, killing four men. Four others survived in high-altitude parachute leaps.

Navy Plane Crash

Honolulu, Sept. 17. A four-engine Navy Constellation carrying 18 crewmen crashed in the Pacific 100 miles south of Guam early today after two of its engines failed. All were rescued from life rafts. There were no serious injuries.

Two were slightly injured and were flown to Guam for treatment. The Navy reported that several hours after the plane crashed in the calm seas searchers sighted flares and two life rafts. Rescue ships rushed to the scene. The plane, based at Guam, was attached to Early Airborne Warning Squadron 2. It had been on a weather reconnaissance mission 800 miles south of Guam and was returning when the trouble occurred.

NASSER PROTESTS TO U.N.

Security Council Asked To Act On Canal Users' Plan

Cairo, Sept. 17. Egypt today appealed to the United Nations Security Council against the Big Three "Users Association" plan. The Egyptian message asked the Security Council to take up the Western proposal as a matter of urgency. The message said it threatened Egyptian sovereignty and world peace.

The situation should therefore be taken under the vigilance of the Security Council, the Egyptian note said. President Nasser took his case against the Big Three proposal to the U.N. after consulting during the day with the Egyptian Prime Minister, Mr N. K. Karami.

Col Nasser already has warned that the "Users Association" plan was an association for war. The note said Egypt "wishes to point out that any ship wishing to pass through the Canal should comply with the Canal regulations and duly pay regular tolls and charges."

The Big Three plan called for the "Users Association" to collect tolls and co-ordinate traffic itself. Twenty-one nations meanwhile have formally accepted the Egyptian proposal for a "negotiating body" to work out future guarantees of Canal traffic, the U.N. note said.

It suggested this body be composed of Egypt and about eight countries using the Canal. INCOMPATIBLE "The Egyptian Government considers the proposed Users Association incompatible with the dignity and sovereign rights of Egypt," the note said. "It constitutes a flagrant violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the 1888 Convention."

"The Users Association as proposed in the statement of the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom would seek to establish in unprecedented manner an organisation with self-granted jurisdiction within the territory of a sovereign state, member of the United Nations, without the consent of that state.

"Such interference in the Canal will endanger freedom of navigation and will not be in the interests of the countries using the Canal," the note said. It will moreover constitute a threat to international peace and security.

"These acts are shocking the whole world and are a serious danger to international peace and security and violations of the Charter of the United Nations," the note said.

INDISPENSABLE "It is indispensable that an end be put to the acts referred to above which are aimed particularly by France and the United Kingdom at taking virtual possession of the Canal and destroying the very independence of Egypt."

CHINA'S VIEW London, Sept. 17. Communist China today described the plan of Britain, the United States and France to create a Canal Users Association as "an attempt openly to deprive Egypt of its sacred sovereignty and to take over operation of the Suez Canal by force."

Suez Pilots Quit



Three out of four of the pilots in the Suez Canal quit their jobs last week-end. Of the 205 pilots in the Canal—only 40 are Egyptians—61 are British and 53 French. All the pilots who asked to be repatriated before September 15, thereby intimating that they did not accept the contracts with the de facto Egyptian Authority, left.

The picture shows: British pilot Alan Harrison stepping off a boat at Port Said—the Egyptian Pilot B. H. Ismail stays on board. That was what happened last week-end. British and French pilots left the Canal—and the few Egyptians remained.—London Express Photo.

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CONSPIRACY CASE: JUDGMENT IS RESERVED

Judge W. T. Charles at the Victoria District Court this morning reserved judgment until 9.30 on September 28 at the conclusion of the mines conspiracy trial involving two company directors and two civil servants.

The trial, which began on August 20, lasted almost a month and attracted considerable public attention. The accused are William Allan Hogarth, 52, chartered accountant of 55, The Peak; Henry Charles Patterson, 45, Company Director of 10 Victoria Peak Apartments; John Patterson Whitehead, 54, Superintendent of Lighthouses, Marine Department, of Albany Place; and William Murray Keay, 58, Superintendent of Mines, of 7 Kimberley Street, second floor. They are on nominal bail of \$300 each.

Hogarth, Patterson and Whitehead are represented by Mr D. A. L. Wright instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart of Stewart and Company. Mr Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr H. Calne, of Johnson, Stokes and Master, is appearing for Keay.

The Crown is represented by Mr W. A. Blais-Kerr Acting Solicitor-General, and Mr Dermot Rea, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr T. Kavanagh, Assistant Superintendent of Police (Anti-Corruption).

INGREDIENTS Continuing his argument from yesterday about the essential ingredients of the charge of taking a bribe which he submitted the Crown had not proved, Mr Gittins said one of them was the ingredient that the \$25,000 was a reward for Keay showing favour or forbearing to show disfavour in respect of certain licences.

The basis of his argument, on this point, Mr Gittins said, was that the payment was made by the Bohespice syndicate through Mr Armstrong and not by the first three accused. The evidence on this was incontrovertible and clearly it was not given by the syndicate as a reward for favour shown concerning the licences.

Mr Gittins argued that assuming the men, Taso was bogus, assuming that favours concerning the licences had been proved and assuming the first three defendants had no bona fides belief in the existence of Taso, he would still maintain that the Bohespice syndicate was not of the frame of mind that the money paid was for favours shown or disfavours forbore to be shown.

"The evidence laid before your Honour is that the Bohespice syndicate thought Taso was genuine and it authorised payment and paid the money for the interest that Taso was alleged to have in that buffer strip," said Mr Gittins.

NOT THE CHARGE According to the contention of the Crown that the Bohespice Syndicate paid Keay for Taso \$25,000 for a bogus claim which the Bohespice Syndicate thought was genuine and the money in fact went into Keay's pocket, Mr Gittins said that arguing per contra from that there would be no payment if it were

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Until the Western pilots walked out, the average daily number of ships in transit was 41. But in the last 48 hours it had dropped to 36, indicating that some shipping companies may be holding their vessels until the situation is clarified. One shipping agent said: "Despite what's being said in London, the ships are going through as well as they ever have been."—United Press.

Lost Baby Found

Blairville, Sept. 17. A 30-month-old boy, lost in the mountains all night, was found scratched but unhurt today by one of several hundred volunteer searchers.

Little Ted Patton disappeared yesterday while walking with his parents, Mr and Mrs Thad Patton, across a mountain field. United Press.

TORY MP IMPRESSED WITH CHINA

London, Sept. 17. Mr Robert Mathew, Conservative Member of Parliament, who has just returned from a 20,000-mile tour of China with an all-party delegation of MPs, said today what was happening in China now was the most important thing that had occurred in the world for hundreds of years.

"If their plan is successful," he said, "we shall have on our hands the greatest challenge to European life since the Seracenis. China is united, is industrialising itself very fast, has an enormous army, is engaged on a large agricultural plan and can emerge independent of Russia in 12 to 15 years."

EMBARGO REVIEW URGED

Washington, Sept. 17. A former official in the Truman administration called today for a study of whether the non-Communist world should relax its restrictions on trade with Soviet Russia.

He said it is "possible" some relaxation of the present extensive embargo on East-West trade might strengthen the Western alliance without increasing Soviet Russia's military power. The statement was made before a House Ways and Means Subcommittee by Willard L. Thorp, Economics Professor from Amherst College and former Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs in the Truman administration.

The embargo forced the Communists "to develop their own production of embargoed items," he said, and "it is doubtful whether any extensive embargo has much security significance any longer."—United Press.

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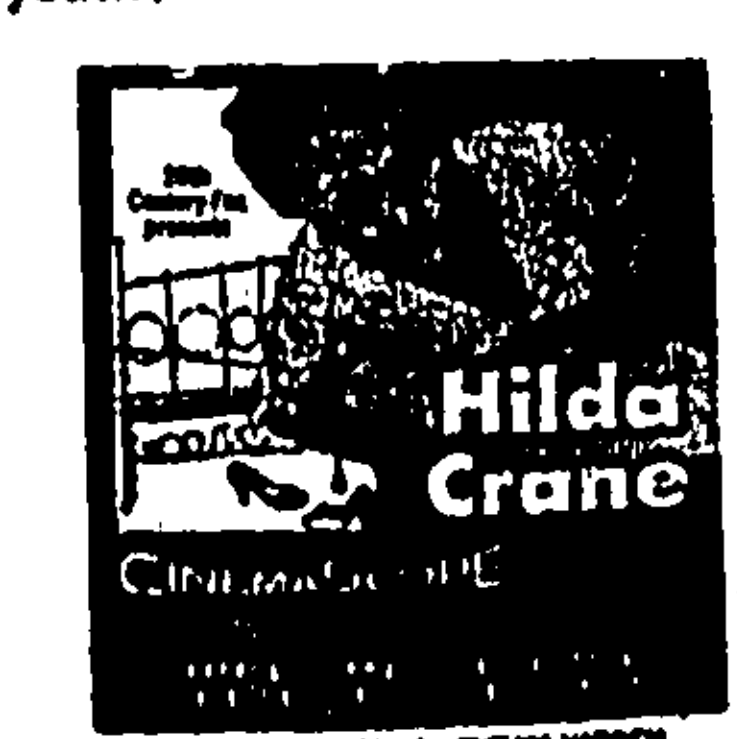


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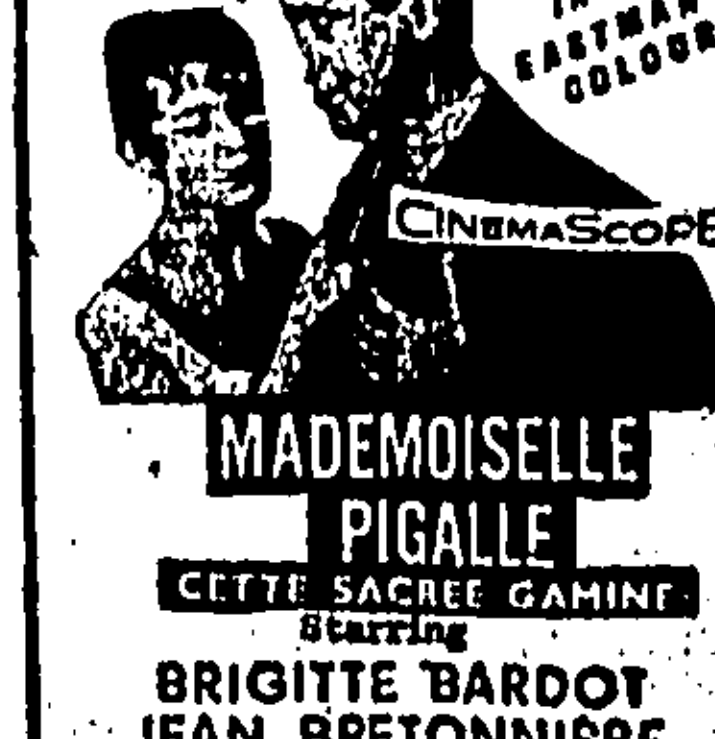


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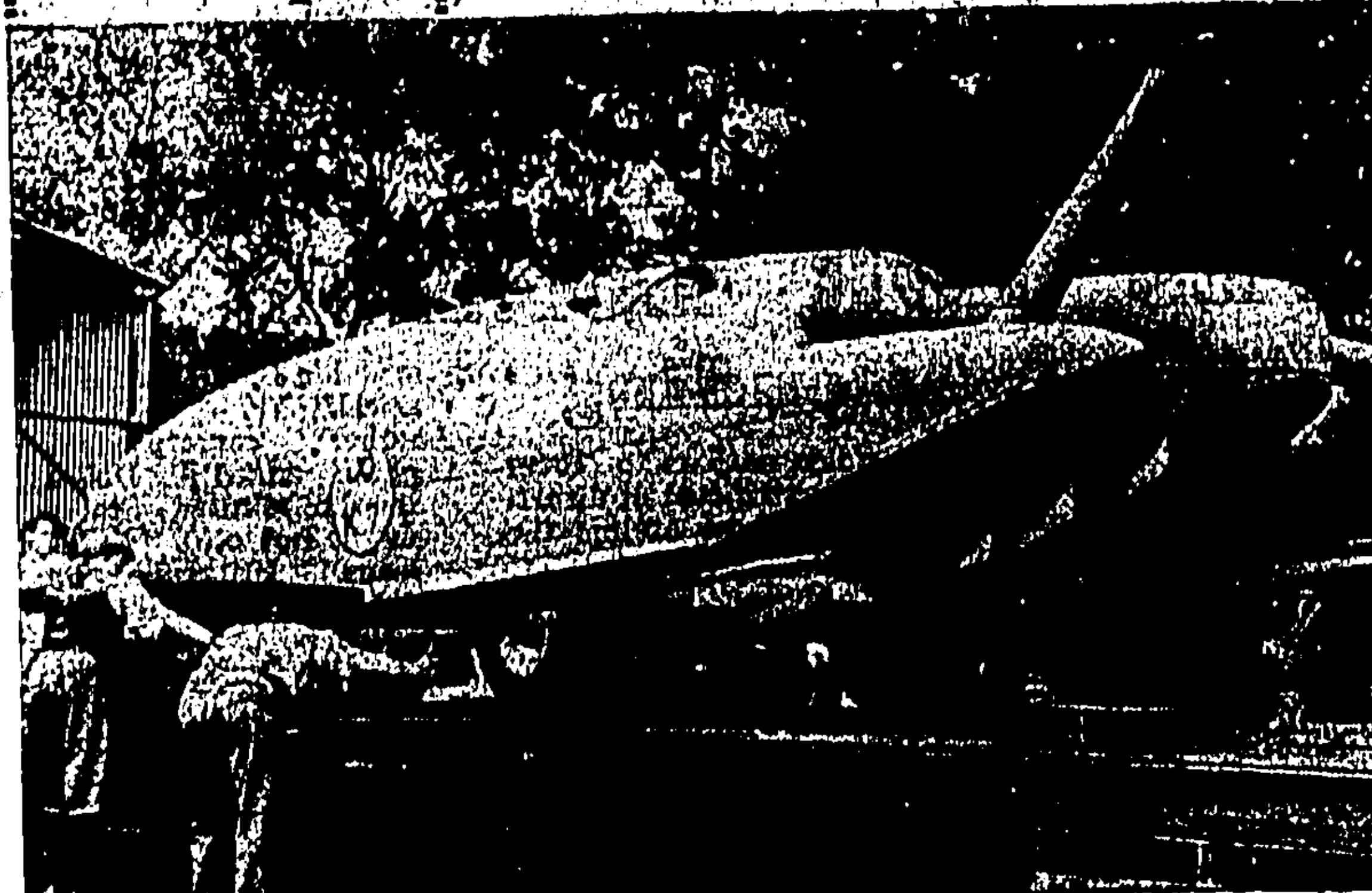
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New Speed Attempt



Preparations are now in progress at Coniston in the Lake District where Donald Campbell is to make an attempt to better his own world water speed record. Floating above the familiar streamlined structure of "Bluebird", Donald Campbell's famous craft, seen upon its arrival at Coniston where a new attempt is to be made on the world water speed record. —Express Photo.

Acid Attack On

Journalist

Search For

Alleged

Mastermind

New York, Sept. 17. The FBI tonight announced a nationwide search for a burly, "extremely dangerous" former bodyguard for racketeer Johnny Dio, alleged mastermind of the acid attack which blinded the labour columnist, Victor Riesel.

The authorities said the hoodlum was suspected of driving one of the cars involved in the attack on Riesel near Times Square on April 5. The FBI identified the object of their search as Theodore (TJ) 43, alleged thug and draft-dodger.

He was described by the FBI as an "executive" of the Acme Dress Company in Midvale, New Jersey. The Government charged TJ as a co-conspirator with Dio and six others in the attack on Riesel.—United Press.

Bull-Fighting

Situation

Disgraceful

Madrid, Sept. 17. The present situation in the bull-fight world in Spain is denounced in strong language by the prominent Madrid daily newspaper, ABC.

The paper said that the main evil stemmed from the managers of prominent fighters whom it accused of having commercialized the bull-fight.

"The manager picks out a youth whom he thinks may make a fighter. The young fighter then becomes a puppet. He comes and goes as he is ordered and becomes a business-partner in a risky enterprise."

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Oliver Hardy's Condition Still Serious

New York, Sept. 17.

Oliver Hardy, 64, of the Laurel and Hardy comedy team, remained in a serious condition at Burbank, Calif., today from effects of a stroke suffered on Friday.

The round and usually exasperated Hardy teamed with the bawliard and head-scratching Stan Laurel in the 1920's. Together they made more than 20 films that recently have been revived on television.

The pair had been inactive in recent years but because of the popularity of their films on television they had planned a comeback.—China Mail Special.

Abandoned Ship Found After Year

Copenhagen, Sept. 17.

A Norwegian cargo motor ship, the 486 ton Jopeter, which was abandoned by her crew off the coast of North East Greenland in September 1955, has been found again almost undamaged.

The Royal Danish Greenland Company, which owns the cargo, has sent a vessel to take off the Jopeter's cargo and bring it back to Copenhagen, while the Norwegian insurance company, which now owns the Norwegian ship given up for lost, has chartered another vessel to bring the Jopeter back to her home port of Alesund.

Last September the Jopeter was jammed by heavy ice south of Jan Mayen Island, off Geographical Society Island, and believed to have sprung a leak.

ATTEMPT FAILED

The Danish icebreaker, Kista Dan, tried to get her out, but in vain. She was then abandoned by her crew of 15, who were rescued by American helicopters from bases in Greenland and by the Kista Dan.

Dr. Laue Koch of the Danish geological station at Ella Island in August 1955 reported that the Jopeter was floating in Mount Norris Fjord, only a short distance from where she was abandoned. Except for a little water in the engine room, the Jopeter is said to be undamaged. —China Mail Special.

DOCTOR DISLIKES SIESTA

Madrid, Sept. 17.

Dr. Carlos Blanco Soler, one of Spain's leading medical experts does not recommend the siesta.

In an interview in the Madrid daily Pueblo, he said: "I never take a siesta and I never advise anyone else to do so. We doctors sometimes recommend a rest after meals, but always with the indication that this should be taken without falling asleep."

The doctor, on the other hand, is an enthusiastic supporter of the Spanish custom of sitting in "tertulia." This consists of members of a family or a group of friends meeting after lunch or after dinner to discuss life in general.

THE ENEMY

Dr. Blanco Soler said: "The siesta, apart from taking away two hours of our life each day, is the enemy of the tertulia."

"The tertulia is to be recommended and is desirable from the point of view of health. An amusing and intelligent after-lunch or after-dinner discussion reposes the body and calms the mind."

"However, controversial issues should be avoided. Rather than become involved in a discussion, it is better to sleep. The siesta, despite the fact that it may cause headaches, digestive upsets and lassitude." —China Mail Special.

Queen Euridice's Boudoir Discovered

Athens, Sept. 17.

The American archaeologist, Professor Karl Blegen of Cincinnati University, has discovered important findings in the area of Trifylia at a site situated about 8 miles from the modern Greek town of Pylos in the Peloponnese.

The excavations, which were carried out by the American School of Archaeology, brought to light the ancient palace of King Nestor of Pylos and his successor, among whom was the famous Queen-Euridice.

The most striking feature among many significant findings was the discovery of Queen Euridice's personal quarters which date back to the 13th century BC, and which were decorated with great luxury and taste.

They consist of a large reception hall which led through a corridor to the Queen's "boudoir" said to be an adjoining private room. —China Mail Special.

Help In Language Development

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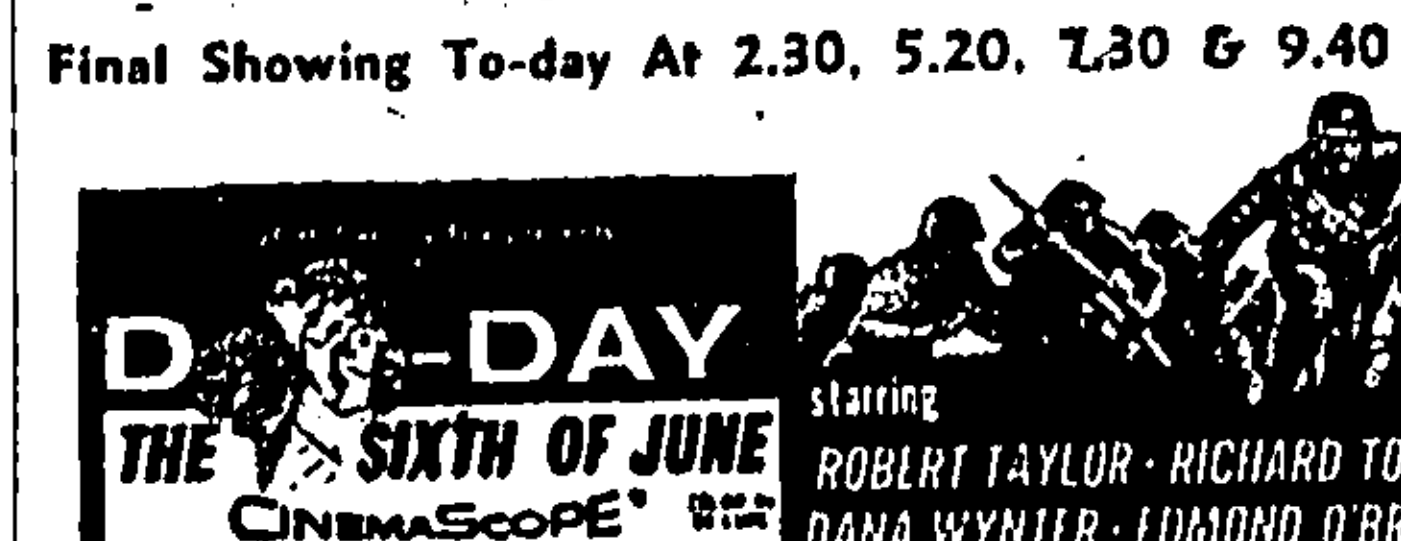
Indonesia was eager to help in any way the development of the Malay language, an Indonesian language expert, Dr. Selamat Muljono, said today.

Speaking to delegates to the Malay Language and Literary Congress, being held at the University of Malaya, he advised against "blindly following" Indonesian methods.

He said Indonesia had made mistakes and warned "these should not be duplicated here." The Congress adopted a resolution urging the Federal Government to adopt Malay as the medium of instruction at the Serdang Agricultural College and other agricultural schools.—Reuter.

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Serious Implications Of Suez Association

NEHRU ISSUES WARNING TO UNITED STATES

Washington, Sept. 17.

Mr Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, has told Mr John Foster Dulles that creation of the proposed Suez Canal Users' Association might lead to serious implications, Indian Embassy here said today.

It said Mr Nehru's views on the Suez Canal crisis were conveyed to the American Secretary of State yesterday by Mr L. Mehta, the Indian Ambassador, at a meeting in Mr Dulles' home.

The Ambassador told Mr Dulles his Prime Minister also considered the proposal by President Nasser of Egypt for a negotiation body on the crisis provided an opportunity for further efforts to find a peaceful solution.

Alarming

Mr Mehta also conferred yesterday with Mr Loy Henderson, Deputy Under-Secretary of State, who was a member of the five-nation Mexico committee which tried to persuade President Nasser to accept international control of the Canal as a basis for negotiation.

Mr Adlai Stevenson, Democratic Party candidate for the presidency, declared today that the administration of President Dwight Eisenhower had shown alarmist misapprehension regarding the Suez Canal crisis.

Mr Stevenson, who described the crisis as a dangerous situation, said at a press conference that he hoped the crisis would end in a peaceful solution ensuring freedom of navigation in the Suez Canal and respecting the rights of all interested parties.

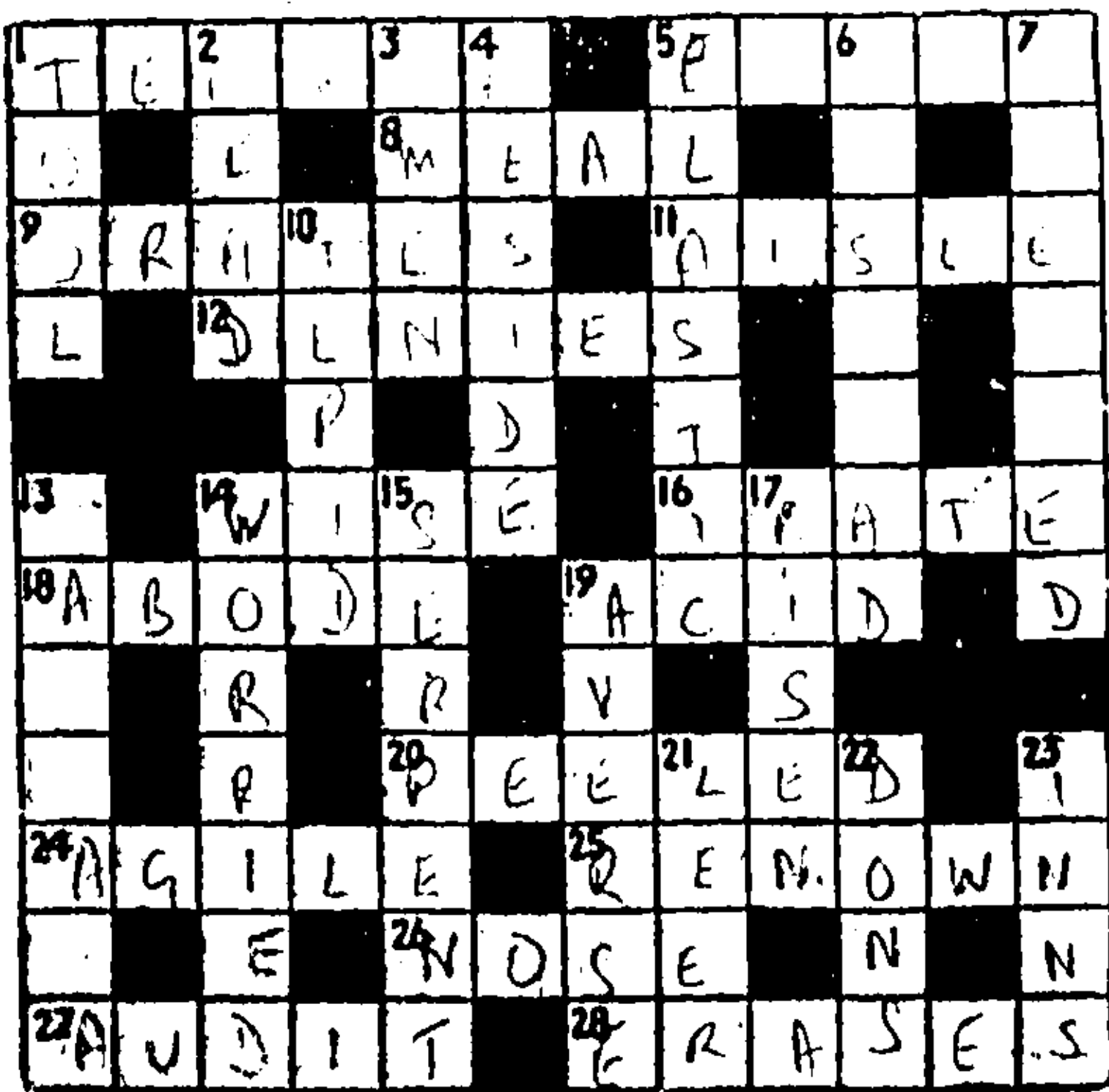
Clarification

The Indonesian Government today informed President Nasser that Indonesia approved Egypt's proposal to hold a second international conference on the Suez Canal.

The Foreign Ministry's Acting Secretary-General Subandrio said that Indonesia had asked Egypt for clarification on the prospective participants in the proposed conference. — France Press.

Meanwhile Mr Ben Schoeman, South African Transport Minister, said today harbours at Port Elizabeth and East London might be used for ships diverted from Suez if Durban and Capetown became congested.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Ekstreme flight (6).
 - 2 Ant (6).
 - 3 Report (4).
 - 4 Spoken (6).
 - 5 Part of a church (5).
 - 6 Gainsays (6).
 - 7 Sage (4).
 - 8 Angry (6).
 - 9 Residence (5).
 - 10 Bour (4).
 - 11 Pared (6).
 - 12 Active (6).
 - 13 Fame (6).
 - 14 Nozzle (4).
 - 15 Check accounts (5).
 - 16 Rubs out (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Implement (4).
 - 2 Peruse (4).
 - 3 Sign (4).
 - 4 Dwell (6).
 - 5 Flexible (7).
 - 6 Draw into error (7).
 - 7 Entertained (7).
 - 8 Lukewarm (6).
 - 9 Choral work (7).
 - 10 Fretted (7).
 - 11 Snake (7).
 - 12 Deceitful nature (6).
 - 13 Disinclined (6).
 - 14 Ogle (4).
 - 15 Puts on (4).
 - 16 Ateletris (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Topic, 4 Traced, 9 Ankle, 10 Aorta, 12 Normal, 14 Proximo, 17 Rise, 19 Street, 20 Pile, 22 Adam, 23 Lancers, 27 Dances, 29 Suede, 30 Travem, 31 Dealer, 32 Entry, Doves 1 Tramp, 2 Piano, 3 China, 5 Room, 6 Coolie, 7 Dances, 9 Console, 11 Carve, 13 Retreat, 15 Raid, 16 Flamed, 18 Skin, 20 Pained, 21 Cadets, 24 Snare, 25 Street, 26 Skinny, 28 Nerve.

People Of Many Nations Watch Arrivals At Downing St



(Top left) Student sisters from the West Indies Micheline and Marie Houleche. (Bottom left) Sisters of Mercy watch the arrivals and departures. (Top right) Pte Ray Leggat of Arizona, USA, now on leave in London from Berlin and L/Cpl Don Smiles of the RAC—he is also on leave from Germany. (Bottom right) Captain W.J. Madden of the Merchant Navy—Express Photo.

FREDA DROPS TO 50 MPH

Tokyo, Sept. 17. The Japanese Meteorological Board said today typhoon Freda was located in the middle of the Formosa Straits and was moving towards the Chinese mainland today.

The Board said the wind velocities at the centre of the typhoon had dropped to 50 miles per hour from the earlier 100 miles per hour winds reported to have hit Northern Formosa coast yesterday. —Reuter.

Music Set Thief's Feet A-Dancing

Auckland, Sept. 17. The charms of music were adverse in the case of a 33-year-old truck driver, Samuel Akarana Davis, when he entered the home of an Auckland police sergeant through a bedroom window.

Hearing somebody coming, Davis hid under the bed. The policeman's daughter, however, was playing the piano nearby. Davis could not resist tapping time with his feet, and this was the cause of him being discovered.

The 11-year-old son of the policeman called on him to surrender after poking him with a broom, and then attacked him with the broom as he departed again through the open window.

PLEADED GUILTY

Davis pleaded guilty to breaking and entering with intent to commit a crime, and on three further charges of breaking and entering and theft, when he was brought up for sentence in the magistrates court at Auckland. He was given "time" for four years' good.

Commented the magistrate: "He's certainly facing the music this morning."

The tune which was Davis' undoing was "Time on My Hands." —China Mail Special.

Beauty Queens

London, Sept. 17. Beauty queens from 26 nations have agreed to take part in the 1956 Miss Monde (Miss World) competition on October 15, the Meehan Dancing Ltd., organisers of the contest, announced today.

Among the countries already enrolled are Denmark, Finland, France, Iceland, Japan, Sweden and the United States.—France Press.

US Navy Orders Supersonic Jet

Washington, Sept. 17. The Navy has ordered its first supersonic jet black bomber, it was announced today.

The plane is expected to fly more than 1,000 miles per hour. The Navy said it had given North American Aviation Inc. a US\$86 million contract for research, development and

Stevenson Has No Doubts About Hiss Verdict

Washington, Sept. 17.

Adlai E. Stevenson said today that he has never doubted the verdict of the jury which convicted Alger Hiss for perjury for denying Communist espionage.

The Democratic presidential candidate was asked about Hiss at a news conference because former President Harry S. Truman expressed doubt on September 3 that Hiss was guilty.

Stevenson, in reply, merely repeated a statement he had made in 1952 and said nothing has changed since to alter his opinion.

"If what I said places me in disagreement with ex-President Truman, that is where the record must rest," Stevenson said.

A Difference

He declined to go into the issue further when asked if he feels there is a difference between convicting Hiss on a perjury charge and on an espionage charge, from which the perjury indictment stemmed.

Stevenson prefaced his remarks about Truman's statement on the Hiss case by saying there is no issue in this campaign about Communists in government. He said he believes President Eisenhower has said the same.

Stevenson said he hoped to talk during the campaign about "real problems and party differences." Anyone who tries to create an issue about loyalty of government employees, he said, "does the American people a disservice."

On Low Road

He said Republican leaders are "evidently worried" about the outcome of the present political campaign. He said Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, Republican national chairman Leonard W. Hall, and others are "back on the same low road" they travelled in the 1954 congressional campaign in raising the issue how Democratic administration dealt with the problem of the loyalty of government personnel.—United Press.

Bonn, Sept. 17.

President Theodor Heuss today welcomed King Paul and Queen Frederica of Greece when they arrived at the station here on a five-day State visit.

The Royal couple, accompanied by the Greek Foreign Minister, Mr Evangelos Averoff, were also greeted by Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, and the Cabinet. —Reuter.

SEARCH FOR SUNKEN TREASURE

Sydney, Sept. 17.

Tenders are being called for the right to salvage surplus war materials which have been lying on the seabed in 11 ports and harbours in Papua and New Guinea since the end of the Second World War. The ports include Kavieng, Samarai, Rabaul, Finschhafen, Milne Bay and Wewak.

The Administrator of Papua-New Guinea, Brigadier Cleland, said that in Rabaul Harbour all the materials were submerged. The locations of a few vessels were marked by buoys and others could be seen from the air.

In the port of Wewak, the super-structures of six Japanese vessels could be seen where they sank at their moorings. Some of the sunken vessels may have been carrying valuable cargo, he added.—China Mail Special.

Censors On 'Indian' Warpath

Salisbury, Sept. 17.

Workmen with buckets of red paint have been "censoring" large cinema posters which show an Indian played by white film star Richard Burton, passionately kissing the throat of Lana Turner, in a scene from the film "The Rains of Ranchipur."

The paint-splashing has been ordered by the Southern Rhodesian Board of Censors.

The face of the "Indian" on the posters has been obliterated with red paint. Members of the Asian community, who have lodged an official protest with the Censor Board, say bitterly: "Colour consciousness may be satisfied now that Mr Burton is a Red Indian." —China Mail Special.

SLO-MO-SHUN'S OWNER DEAD

Seattle, Sept. 17. Mr Stanley 86 Clair (Stan) Sayre, holder of the world's record for popper-driven powerboats, died, apparently of a heart attack, at his home today.

He was 60 years old.

Mr Sayre, who headed an automobile agency here, stood alone in the sport of hydroplane racing. He drove his famous speedboat, Slo-mo-shun IV, to a world's record of 178.497 miles per hour in 1952.

The mark has since been beaten by jet-powered craft, but it still stands for popper-driven boats.

Mr Sayre won the Gold Cup race five consecutive times, starting in 1950.—United Press.

'BASTION CYPRUS' —By Moscow

Moscow, Sept. 17. Trud, official organ of the Soviet Trade Unions, commenting on the Cyprus situation, said: "British colonialists will not succeed in crushing the desire of the patriots to be free and themselves to decide their destiny."

Comment on the Cyprus situation has been rare in the Soviet press, particularly since the visit of Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr Nikita Khrushchev to Britain.

Trud, asking what had "revoked the repressions against the Cypriots," said that Cyprus was a point of great strategic importance, adding: "The British press points out that the major airfields on Cyprus are 20 minutes flying from Beirut, 30 minutes from Damascus, 45 from Ankara, and 50 from Cairo."

CHIEF BASE

It continued: "The British Central Office of Information said on this score: 'With the withdrawal of British armed forces from the Suez Canal zone Cyprus becomes Britain's chief base for the operation of its ground troops and aircraft in the Middle East.'"

Trud commented: "The Cyprus population, however, does not want to reconcile itself with the fate being prepared for their island by the British colonialists—the fate of a bastion in the struggle against the freedom-loving peoples of the Near and Middle East. The repressions against the peaceful population of town and country arouse a still greater urgency of the national liberation movement. The British colonialists will not succeed in crushing the desire of the patriots to be free and themselves to decide their destiny." —China Mail Special.

SYRIANS RELEASE TWO CIVILIANS

Tel-Aviv, Sept. 17.

The United Nations arranged today their release by Syrian authorities of two civilian water engineers, one American and one British, who were kidnapped yesterday and carried across the border while searching for a farmstead near Capernaum on the northern shore of Lake Tiberias.

The men were Joshua Horowitz, 50, of Brooklyn, New York, and Herbert Mark, 46, an Israeli citizen.

The American Embassy in Tel-Aviv said Horowitz came to Israel six years ago and worked in the Negov water scheme. He lived in Beersheba.

Heard Shots

The men were returned at noon today under arrangements made by UN truce chief Major-General E.L.M. Burns.

The two men said that they were driving near Capernaum when they heard gun shots and shouts. Mark was struck in the left arm by a bullet and another grazed Horowitz's shirt. The latter was struck on the eye by a stone.

They said they jumped from the car and took cover. The firing continued several hours while they hid, they said. But then they surrendered since they could not escape. They said the Syrians shouted to come to them. About 15 Syrians, apparently irregulars, armed with rifles, took them across the Jordan River and drove to an unknown destination.

Interrogated

They said they were interrogated by Syrian officers in Hebrew and English with questions concentrated on their personal experiences in the Israeli Army and on general matters about the Israeli Army.

They were locked up overnight until this morning.—United Press.

Faure Meets Adenauer

Bonn, Sept. 17.

Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, today had talks with M. Maurice Faure, State Secretary to the French Foreign Ministry.

Usually well-informed sources said the talks were held to prepare for Dr Adenauer's meeting with M. Guy Mollet, the French Prime Minister, in Luxembourg on September 24 or 25 when the two Prime Ministers will discuss increased European integration.

M. Faure, who is on his way home from a visit to Berlin, also spoke with Dr Heinrich von Brentano, the West German Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

Trial Run At Olympic Village



Officials of the Olympic Games at Melbourne held a "trial run" of the feeding arrangements, accommodation, etc., recently when they sampled the food that will be served to the world's best athletes during the Games which are being held there in November. Pictures shown: (top) General Sir William Brindley, Chief Executive of the Olympic Organising Committee, receives a meal from Dutch chef Leo Arnold who is to cook for the athletes. Arnold has cooked for the Netherlands Royal Family and has now settled in Melbourne with his family. (bottom) In front of the Games and next to him Mr. Philip Morris, Village Chief, and as they try out some of the food which will be served during the games. —Express Photo.

Asian Finance Ministers In Tokyo

Tokyo, Sept. 17.

The Japanese Finance Minister, Mr Hisato Ichimada, today conferred separately with leading financiers of four Southeast Asian countries to discuss problems of economic development and co-operation, according to the Japanese Finance Ministry.

The four financiers were Mr P. Y. Hsu, Finance Minister of Nationalist China, Sir Arthur Ransam, President of the Central Bank of Ceylon, Mr Soediartha, Minister of National Treasury of Indonesia, and Tran Hun Phung, Governor of the Central Bank of South Vietnam. The four financiers are on their way to Washington where a general meeting of International Monetary Fund is scheduled to open next week.

DELEGATES

The first three financiers will attend the IMF meeting as delegates while the Vietnamese financier will discuss in Washington questions relating to Vietnam's entry into the IMF.

Last week, Mr Ichimada saw Mr Quendro, President of the Central Bank of the Philippines who also visited Japan on route to the IMF meeting.

Mr Ichimada invited delegates of nine Asian nations to call at Japan on their way to Washington for separate private talks with him "over a cup of tea." —Reuter.

Proof Of N. Korean A-Bombs

Seoul, Sept. 17.

President Syngman Rhee said today South Korean military authorities had proof that the North Koreans conducted both atomic offensive and defensive warfare training as early as September last year although first published reports of atomic weapons in the north appeared only this March.

President Rhee said at a press conference today: "Because of continued scrupulous but absurd observance of the armistice restrictions" by the United Nations Command, no atomic weapons had been brought into South Korea.

President Rhee said a South Korean training programme in atomic warfare was under way. He said a number of officers have been trained in nuclear warfare.—Reuter.

CHINESE SMUGGLED INTO THAILAND

Bangkok, Sept. 17.

A hundred Chinese smuggled into Thailand by ships from Hongkong were apprehended here, police Director General Phao Sriyanond said today.

The illegal entrants were stated to be Nationalist Chinese who had fled mainland China and had come to Thailand in search of employment.

Three Thai nationals allegedly involved in smuggling the Chinese into Thailand have been arrested, General Sriyanond said.—France Press.

OPIUM INTO FRANCE

Marseilles, Sept. 17.

Three Chinese seamen have been arrested in Marseilles for possession of four kilograms (almost nine pounds) of raw opium worth 800,000 francs (\$241,700), the police Narcotics Squad announced here today.

The three—Hong To-ping, 37, Saw Si Any Yon, 27, and Khan Kheng, 55—were members of the crew of a British tanker, the Batavia, which docked yesterday at Marseilles from Beirut.

The police were investigating their links to a narcotics ring smuggling drugs from the Middle East into France.—France Press.

COW'S QUADS

Bonn, Sept. 17.

A five-year-old cow gave birth to quadruplet calves at Emmet—and they all lived. The cow, which weighed only 900 pounds, had calbed twice before. —China Mail Special.

THE "JET SET" UNDER FIRE IN RUSSIA

By A STUDENT OF SOVIET AFFAIRS

THE sons of two Soviet Cabinet Ministers are implicated in a case in which three girls—the daughters of high Soviet officers—have been arrested for larceny and debauchery, the Moscow Komsomolskaya Pravda reported on August 15.

The report heralds the first serious move in a campaign which for several years now has been gingerly waged by the Soviet authorities against the "golden youth"—the adolescent children of higher officials who have been deviating from the straight and narrow path of Communist virtue.

There exists in Moscow the "jet set"—a group of young people which includes the sons of many Government members—whose conduct has caused a great deal of worry, both to the educational authorities and to the police, but which has remained untouched because of their parents' high standing.

This has made it difficult for the police to prosecute vigorously its campaign against other such "sets"—and there are many in Moscow—and has created a social problem of some gravity in a country where eccentricity in behaviour is viewed with the greatest suspicion.

DRUNKEN ORGIES

The naming of the two ministerial sons—those of Kabanov, Minister of Foreign Trade, and of Petukhov, Minister of Heavy Engineering—in Komsomolskaya Pravda suggests that the "jet set" is at last under attack.

The three girls who have been arrested are the daughters of a major-general, a colonel in the security service, and a lieutenant-colonel in the air force. The Ministers' sons, although not charged with any crimes, are accused of moral responsibility and of aiding and abetting in the corruption of the girls by playing with them and participating in "drunken orgies."

The girls, the paper complains, had neither spun nor toiled, but read cheap Western mystery stories.

Western-style clothes, frequented restaurants and night-clubs, and teamed up with "golden youths" with whom they spent the week-ends in dissolute jazz orgies. Although they had been plentifully supplied in all their wants by doing parents, they systematically looted their own homes and the homes of friends to buy "forbidden delights."

In this indictment there are all the elements of the case the Soviet press has been making for the past two or three years against the "golden youth." Soviet papers have been complaining for some time about the manner in which these young people dress, and have given to them the collective name "Stilyagi," or those who follow their own and highly individual style of dressing. According to an earlier article in Komsomolskaya Pravda, some girls "Stilyagi" dress thus:

"A rather nice coat fastened by a strange belt and cheap buckle, a purse—similar to a suitcase of large proportions—hanging from the shoulder, kapron (nylon-type) stockings with black heels."

TIGHT DRESSES

But according to another paper, Sovetskaya Kultura, it can be much worse than this. "Girls Stilyagi wear dresses stretched tight on their figure to the point of indecency. The skirts are slit. Their laps are bright with lipstick. In summer they are clad in 'Roman' sandals. Their hair is done in the style of 'fashionable' foreign film actresses."

The young men are no better. A thumb-nail sketch of one in Izvestia goes thus:

"Trousers tucked into his boots, like an accordion, a sports cap pulled down over his eyes, a false tooth, bangs and a frown."

A description in Sovetskaya Kultura adds that ties with pictures of half-naked women are much sought after, that shoes are "unusually narrow-footed and two sizes too large so that the toes would turn up, and the jackets are long and green, with patch pockets and padded shoulders, and the trousers narrow. The hair is invariably long."

One group of Stilyagi at Moscow University actually came to a sticky end in the hands of the State security police after the young people had been used for espionage by a "foreign agent," to whom they had felt drawn

because of "mutual interest in literature." Obviously, the sons of Cabinet Ministers must be protected for their own good from girls who read Western novels and could in this way fall into the toils of Western agents. The article did not say what information the student Stilyagi disclosed to the "agent," but it described one of them as being attracted by Nietzsche's philosophy, and another as being a "Symbolist" poet.

To top it all, the students held secret discussion meetings, and on one occasion the subject was "What would the world look like if it were blown up." This pessimism was wholly out of keeping with the official ideology.

X-RAY JAZZ

As for the licentious jazz orgies which the report accused the Ministers' sons and the officers' daughters of practising at week-ends, the gravity of the offence can be judged only in the light of this quotation from an earlier issue of Komsomolskaya Pravda:

"Jazz is the music of lunatics and paralytics (which) bars and dance halls under the intoxication of liquor and narcotics in a collapsing and decaying capitalist world."

It is true that since the definition was published in 1954 the official view of jazz has become a little—but only a little—less severe, but jazz records are still not freely available. In Ministerial quarters they can perhaps be procured through friends who travel abroad on official business, but less excited Stilyagi must make do with home-made recordings. These, according to frequent denunciatory articles in the papers, are made on used X-ray film.

Two youths who were arrested for creating a disturbance in the Moscow Hotel were accused of refusing to speak Russian, but only English—or Latin.

Gorky Street in Moscow, which the Stilyagi favour for a stroll of an evening, is known in their circles as "Broadway." Soviet towns, like Sverdlovsk, are known to them by their pre-revolutionary names, like Yekaterinburg.

One young man's nickname is "Broadway Blockhead," another has changed his good Russian name of Grisha to the decadent English "Harry."

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THE OVAL TEST MURDER...CHAPTER THREE

THE STORY SO FAR

SENSATION at the Oval... The Australians are 84 for seven, when Lindwall is caught by Cowdrey off Laker—and umpire Charles Bowerman gives him "not out." Bowerman has been living up to his reputation for eccentricity all day. He has had rows with his wife and with radio commentator Leo Maclean, and has accused his fellow umpire, Jack Petty, of taking his white coat. Now in the middle of the dispute about his decision, he staggers and falls.

Private detective Francis Quarles, at the Oval as the guest of Dr Gregory Kane, watches May, Bailey and Lock carry the fallen umpire into the pavilion. Dr Kane examines Bowerman—and suspects poison.

It was tea-time when Doctor Kane returned from the hospital. During the afternoon Quarles had watched the tense struggle on the cricket field. Ray Lindwall had very willingly accepted the verdict of umpire Petty, but the last Australian batsman had fought back magnificently to add 60 runs. At tea-time England had lost two wickets for 20, and if anything the odds seemed to have tipped slightly in favour of Australia.

During his host's absence Quarles had managed to get a peek outside the pavilion, where he found he got a better view. It would not be true to say that he had forgotten about Gregory Kane and Charles Bowerman, but he certainly gave a start of surprise when Kane tapped him on the shoulder. To the doctor's remark that this looked like a nasty business, Quarles agreed. Lindwall and Miller, he said, looked like running through the English batting.

Administered Here

"I MEANT Bowerman. It's poison. I felt pretty sure of it here, but I didn't want to be alarmist. Atropine."

"Atropine?" Quarles's lips pursed in a soft whistle. "That means it must have been administered here, isn't that so?"

"Yes. Atropine acts in anything from a few minutes to an

hour after it has been taken. Bowerman collapsed just after half-past two. That means—lunch."

"And the umpires have lunch with the players, don't they? Yes, this is certainly going to

cause trouble. What chance has Bowerman got?"

"It depends on the size of the dose. If you're asking me for a personal opinion, I shouldn't say he had much chance."

"Then I think we should go and see some of the powers that be here and find out as much as we can about Bowerman's movements round about lunch-time. Can you introduce me to the proper places?"

"Certainly I can. Come on." So it was that Quarles and Gregory Kane saw very little of the rescue act put on by Peter May and Cyril Washbrook during the last hour and a half of play. They were busy talking to a number of England players in the dressing room, and these interviews established some important facts.

First, Tony Lock. "You were bowling at umpire Bowerman's end this morning," Quarles said. "Did you notice anything in particular about him?"



"Bowerman's decision on that catch of Colin Cowdrey's was ridiculous," said Jim Laker.

POISON!

by JULIAN SYMONS

Lock grinned. "Only that I thought he gave a couple of pretty bad decisions. Still, I could have been wrong about that."

"Did he talk to anyone at lunch?"

"No. He kept himself to himself pretty much. He was sitting at one end of the table. Jack Petty was next to him on one side, nobody on the other."

"You didn't notice anything queer about him before lunch?"

"No queerer than usual. He had that computer thing—you know, the little clicker—he's one of the umpires who still use them."

Anything Special?

THE broad-shouldered, Jim Laker, who retained a Yorkshire twang in his voice after years of living in the south,

"You were bowling at Bowerman's end after lunch. Anything special you noticed?"

"Well, there was his decision on that catch of Colin Cowdrey's."

"That was ridiculous. Then all the while after lunch, he was muttering to himself, seemed excited. I spoke to the captain about it, thought he'd had a few drinks, to tell you the truth."

Quarles and Kane exchanged glances. "Muttering and excitement—typical symptoms," the doctor said.

"Did you see him drink anything?" Quarles asked.

Trevor Bailey, who had been listening said, "I was sitting opposite to him at lunch. He had a bottle of beer, poured it himself. Afterwards he went into the bar, though I don't believe any of our chaps were there. You'll have to ask the girl in the bar about that."

"We're in the dark, you know," Tony Lock said. "Happy to answer questions and all that, but what's this in aid of?"

Quarles looked at Kane. "You'll know in an hour or two, so you may as well know now." Bowerman somehow took poison, and were trying to find out the means and the time. If any of you can remember something unusual he did or said today at lunch time, it might be a great help."

After stumps were drawn at 6.30, Quarles talked to Jack Petty. The umpire was a tall, ruddy, slow-spoken man, one of those good county players devoted to cricket who mature into first-class umpires. Quarles sat with him in the umpires' room. Kane had gone off to telephone the hospital.

Petty told Quarles everything Charles Bowerman had said and done that day. "Marvellously quick he is, got a fine eye. But he can be very cantankerous. Do you know, today he accused me of having his coat."

"What's that?" Petty told him about the coat incident. "They're not our coats anyway. The Surrey club provides them, but it was a funny thing to say, don't you agree?"

Six Stones

"YES. What do you keep in the coats that might have made him think you'd borrowed his?"

Petty walked over to his coat on the wall, and took out six stones and a packet of cigarettes. "That's all I keep in the pockets of mine. I don't know what Bowerman kept, but it can't have been anything important. Said it didn't matter the moment after."

"Did he carry a hip flask? Or take pills?"

"Not to my knowledge. How is he, doctor?"

Doctor Kane had appeared in the doorway. His handsome face was pale. "He's dead. Never came out of a coma. I think we could all do with a drink."

They talked to the girl in the bar, who said that Bowerman had come in during the lunch interval. He had ordered a whisky and ginger ale and had drunk it on his own. Did anybody talk to him? The bar had been crowded and the girl could not be sure. Then she snatched her fingers. "I know who he was talking to. That sports commentator, Mr. Maclean. Seemed to be having a bit of an argument, but I don't know what about."

Left Immediately

THEY went up to the radio hut to look for Leo Maclean, but learned that he had left immediately after finishing his broadcast. On the way down to the pavilion Quarles was hailed by name. He turned to see the cropped grey head, "face" and "black neck" of his old friend Inspector Lestrade.

"Mr. Quarles, eh? They told me you'd stolen a march on me, been here all day. I suppose you've found out all about this, put your finger on the murderer for me."

Quarles had learned to mistrust the Inspector's good humour. "I'm not even convinced that there is a murderer yet."

The Inspector affected great surprise. "Caught you napping for once, have we? Do you mean to say you don't know Bowerman's had been poisoning someone today—threatening to disclose some secret he'd held off?"

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All characters in The Oval Test Murder story—apart from the players—are entirely fictitious.

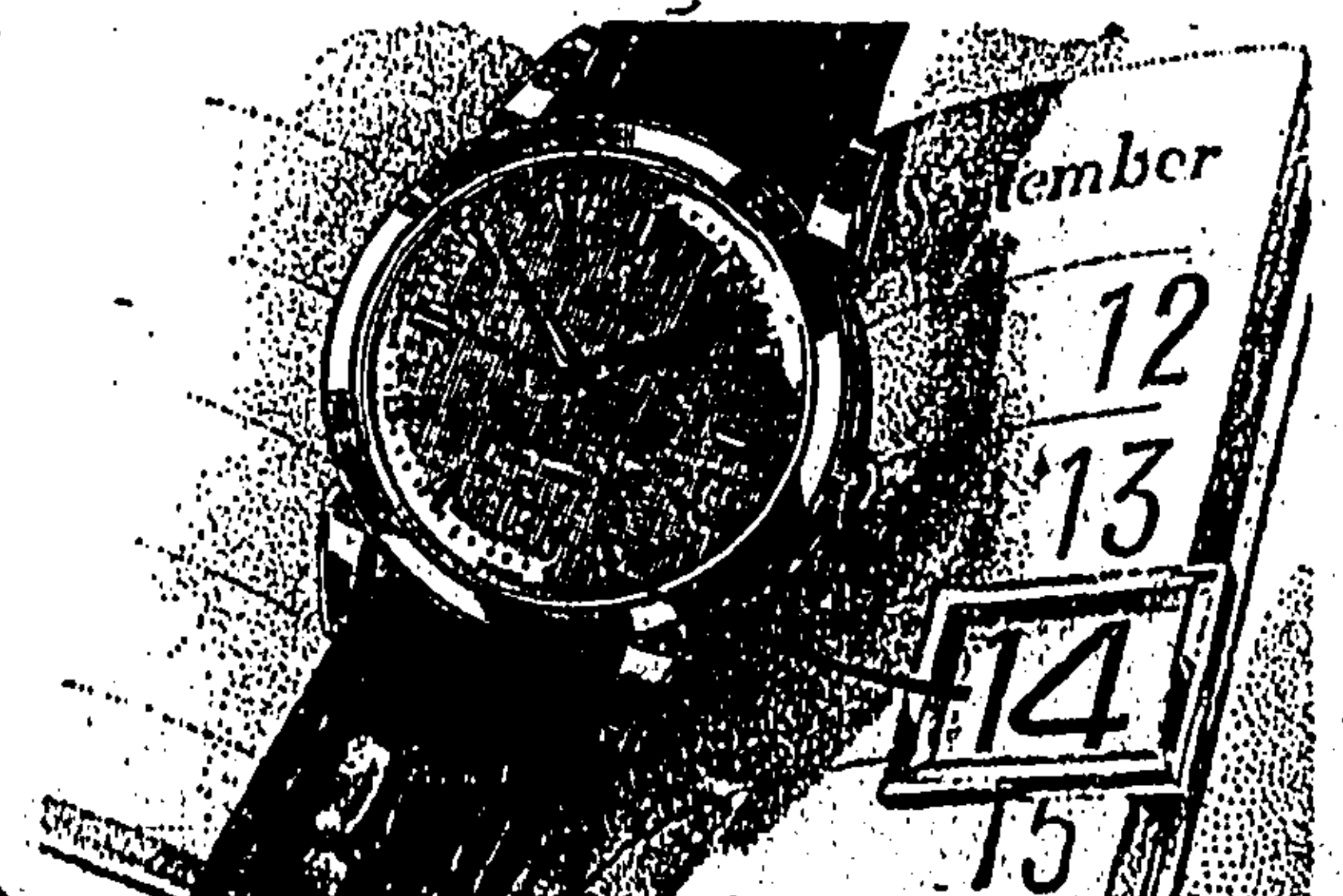
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A NATO HQ WHERE THE BRITISH REFUSE TO WEAR BADGES

By RAYMOND ALLBRIGHT

Naples. The headquarters are staffed by about 2,300 sailors, soldiers, airmen and civilians from six NATO nations under U.S. Admiral Robert P. Briscoe. About 2,000 are Americans. Britain has 85 officers and men, and the remaining 200 places are divided among Italy, France, Greece and Turkey.

At one time they housed some of the Mussolini Fascist youth. Then came war refugees. Now they are officially described as "the nerve centre and pivot of SHAPE's powerful right hand punch." In other words, the headquarters of the Southern Europe Command of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

They are also one of the reasons why since its foundation in 1949 NATO has cost—12 1/2 million dollars—a total of \$700,000,000.

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There is a separate "army" of well over 3,000 wives, children and odd civilian helpers, with about 800 more U.S. Navy men providing transport, communications and welfare. A grand total of more than 6,000.

AIR, LAND, SEA

From here, as an emergency, Admiral Briscoe would control the air and land forces of Greece, Italy and Turkey and the U.S. 6th Fleet.

Buckingham Palace is an open house compared with these headquarters. American Marines allow no one in or out without

a pass. Every man must wear a plastic badge with his picture and number on it. A Commander of the U.S. Navy who asked for the return of a visitor's badge I had just surrendered was tersely told by a Marine Private that I must sign the book all over again—which I did.

The only men who refuse to wear the badges are the British contingent. "Can't hang those things at the Queen's uniform," one of them explained. "We carry them in our pockets."

As a slight concession they wear on their left pockets the small enamelled insignia of the Command, the lion of St Mark holding a guardian sword over an open book marked Pax.

The communications rooms look like the sheriff's goal in a Western movie, surrounded by thick steel doors.

Every six feet along the lateral corridors are pointing antennas. "Everybody knows your job is important, don't talk about it." Some notices are in two languages, English and American. For instance: "Conserve water and turn off that faucet."

COMMAND AREA

The command area is Italy, Greece and Turkey and faces 1,700 miles of the Iron Curtain.

Top level planning, liaison with Paris headquarters, administration, and the annual "exercise" keep the wheels turning five days a week.

Groups of Englishmen, Greeks and Turks meet in an atmosphere which is always "perfectly correct." Terrorism in Cyprus, for example, is never mentioned. "But it's a matter of what you say, not what you think," says a British officer. "I must try it some time."

EUROPEAN RECORD

Dutchman Clears 26 Feet In The Long Jump

Bucharest, Sept. 17. A European and four national records were broken today on the final day of Rumania's ninth international track meet at the Republic Stadium here.

The top performance was turned in by Henk Vloer of the Netherlands who cracked the European long jump record with a leap of 7.98 metres (26 feet 2 1/2 inches). This is also the best long jump of the year.

The former record, set by Germany's Luz Long, in 1937 was 7.90 metres (25 feet 11 1/2 inches).

In the same event today Poland's Henryk Grabowski placed second with 7.78 metres (25 feet 6 1/2 inches), a new Poland record, and the Soviet Union's Oleg Fyodorov placed third with 7.60 metres (25 feet 2 1/2 inches), a new Soviet record.

Bulgaria's Isaleva, who placed third in the women's 400 Metres dash, broke the Bulgarian record in 58.4 seconds. The event was won by Nina Otukhniko of the Soviet Union in 55.8 seconds.

Italy's Giuseppina Leone, who placed third in the women's 200 Metres dash, broke the Italian record with 24.1 seconds. The event was won by Poland's Barbara Lerezak in 23.8 seconds.

Sweden's K. E. Johnmark placed second in the men's 110 Metres Hurdles in 14.4 seconds. The event was won by Boris Stolyarov of the Soviet Union in 14.3 seconds.

Iceland's M. Thorbjornson won the men's 200 Metres Dash in 21.4 seconds followed by the Soviet Union's Yuri Kononov in the same time and Boris Tokarev in 21.5 seconds — France-Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY

LRC Tennis Championships: Club Ladies' Singles Final, Club Mixed Doubles Open, Club Men's Singles Final, Club Men's Doubles Open.

Exhibition Game: South Korea v HKFA selection at HK Stadium, 5.45 p.m.

Meeting: HKFA selection at HK Stadium, 5.45 p.m.

Charity Floodlit Soccer: Eastern v Kitcher at Caroline Hill, 8 p.m.

Harbour Race, 5.30 p.m.

Shrek-O Golf: 18 hole flag competition.

THURSDAY

Charity floodlit Soccer: South China v Kitcher at Caroline Hill, 8 p.m.

LRC Tennis Championships: Club Ladies' Singles Final, Club Mixed Doubles Open, Club Men's Singles Final, Club Men's Doubles Open.

HKFA Council Meeting at Sports Road, 5.45 p.m.

British Sets New World Speed Record

London, Sept. 17. A new world speed record for an hour's run for motorboats of all categories was set here today by an Englishman, Norman Buckley, who reached 79 miles per hour during a trial run on Lake Windermere.

To date, the world record, held by a German, has been 64.03 miles per hour — France-Press.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC ARE LOOKING FOR MORE THAN A MANAGER

Says ARCHIE QUICK

Charlton Athletic are looking for more than a new manager—they want a goalkeeper as successor to Sam Bartram. They have, too, Marsh and Reed but they have not fulfilled expectations, and trainer Jimmy Trotter is on the prowl. The goalkeepers of Waterford, Brentford, Aldershot and Spurs have been looked at and now attention has switched to Ron Springett of Queen's Park Rangers, a 20-year-old local.

He has two capable understudies and Rangers need the money for they are averaging less than 10,000 "gates," in the face of competition from Chelsea and Fulham. So a deal might be done.

Mr Trotter was at the Queen's Park Rangers — Northampton match at Shepherd's Bush to weigh up Springett but the lad had little to do. What he did do, though, was a wonder display by Peter Pickering guarding the other net. Ironically he is the goalkeeper Chelsea discarded, who went out of the League to Kettering, but has come back to Northampton via York.

Peter kept out everything that was shot at him by Rangers forwards for 89 of the 90 minutes, and then was unfortunate to concede a goal. How indignant he was! "I was being set upon by the inside left while the inside right scored," he told me.

YOUNGER MAN

Mr Trotter was duly impressed by Pickering's display but what Charlton needs is a younger man, and Springett fills the bill.

Mr Trotter told me how and he was, first at the departure of Bartram, and now manager Jimmy Seed. Trotter is the last of a triumvirate each of whom served the club over 20 years. They were to football what Vardon, Taylor and Braid were to golf.

Mr Trotter told me, "There is a heavy international programme ahead for England, and the Football Association have informed me that they expect me to be the permanent leader for what they hope is a permanent team." That is their two-year plan before the World Cup Competition at Stockholm in 1958.

The high percentage of services men in the football crowds at Portsmouth always provides a strong element of spectators who are not "locals," and who automatically root for the visitors wherever they may be. The result is that some of the home players experience a pretty thin time.

When Jackie Henderson was being regularly chosen for Scotland he was "getting the bird" at Fratton Park because, like all true Scots, he preferred to try to play football instead of just rooting for the visitors. He is a good player, his place in Scotland's national team is secure.

Then there was Gordon Duff, who, during his career, had a reputation for being an expensive buy from

ONE AND THE SAME

The Football League team to meet the League of Elie in Dublin on September 19 has obviously been selected with an eye on the World Cup series, and, probably, with the convenience of the interested Football Association. After all, League and Association selectors are practically one and the same.

Gone are Stanley Matthews, Tom Finney, Jimmy Dickinson and Bert Williams. All the old school, except Billy Wright, have departed, and Wright is the only one over 27 years of age. The team seems a good one but one wonders whether it is a team of the future or a team of the past.

It can be said, however, that the international side of England practically picks itself for the first time since the last War. Win, lose or draw, it should not be kept together so that it would like a club side. Experience of each other over a prolonged period is what the team needs to mould it into a World Cup series unit.

A cold wind blows for veteran football officials in London. Mr Jimmy Seed, of Charlton Athletic, is not the only one to be forced into retirement. Mr Jimmy Ball, assistant manager of Watford, and an Englishman at Celtic Park for over a quarter of a century, has gone, and now Mr Joe Shaw, attached to Arsenal, just

DECISION-MADE WICKETS GIVE ONLY ARTIFICIAL THRILLS

The superiority of England during this Test series has been clear and no one will deny them their right to victory. But neither will any keen follower of the game deny that the wickets, which were over-dry or over-wet during most of the Test matches, detracted from the contest.

Most of the games have provided the exciting spectacle of quick-falling wickets, but the advantage has been so heavily thrown in favour of the winner of the toss that much of the true cricket competition was lost. Only at Lord's, where Australia won the toss and the game, did the wicket provide normal conditions for the full course of the match.

At Trent Bridge rain, controlled the fortunes of the game. At Leeds and again at Old Trafford Australia's batsmen failed on wet wickets and this after they had been demolished by Laker and Lock on dry and crumbling surfaces.

The final match at The Oval provided only one day of reasonable batting conditions. During the complete series Australia batted only twice on good wickets. In most instances the merit of the batsmen's performance was judged in minutes rather than runs for, after the first day's play in three of the five Test matches, Australia's goal was not victory but avoidance of defeat.

BAD PLAY

This, to a large extent, accounts for the fact that Burke alone averaged 30 runs per innings and Harvey, Australia's No. 1 batsman, could only manage 19 runs per innings.

But Australia's defeat cannot be completely written off to bad luck, leaving the impression that at all times they fought skilfully against adversity. On at least two occasions they played badly. In the first innings at Old Trafford, after an



HAROLD LARWOOD

"would have proved no more than an ineffective time-waster on some of the present-day sandy pitches."

would have saved the game for them, because the English victory in that match was clinched with only one hour to spare. They were once again forced to struggle for a miserable draw.

FANTASTIC

Laker's fantastic success in turning wickets definitely upset the outlook of the Australian batsmen. It is true that most of them were not technically equipped to succeed against his attack, but they did have more ability than they showed. Some worked out theories to combat him with forward play alone, others decided that they must play back to every ball.

I will grant that they were faced with a trying problem, but surely, whatever the type of bowler, a batsman must use his feet either back or forward according to the pitch of the ball. On separate occasions, McDonald, Burke, Harvey, Craig, Miller, Burge and Johnson played safe and sensible innings against Laker.

But as a team Australia showed no concerted resistance. Laker is in fact, the world's most effective bowler on a sharply turning wicket.

But I will add that had this 1956 series been played from start to finish on normal wickets which do not definitely favour spin before the fourth day—it is possible that Laker would have played in no more than three of the five Test matches.

In recent years in both county and Test matches in England, tremendous importance has been placed on gaining a definite decision. The opinion has been held that the public will only pay to see a match won or lost,

that they are not interested in a draw. I do not wholeheartedly subscribe to this view.

Even a spectator's angle cricket is at its best when stroke play is free—when the ball moves quickly from both the wicket and the bat.

Bradman drew record crowds not because he struggled skilfully on a difficult wicket.

DECORATIONS

Larwood, Lindwall, and Miller decorated the cricket scene when they bowled on fast, true wickets.

Had they been forced to bowl on some of the present-day, sandy pitches, manufactured so that a decision would be certain, they would have proved no more than ineffective time-wasters.

No one can be held responsible for the weather, but at least, at the start of a five-day Test match, the wicket should be in a condition that promises five days of cricket, not three days of artificial thrills.

When one regards the future of both countries in the light of performances during this series, it cannot be said that either has made many important discoveries.

For England, May and Cowdrey have further enhanced their reputations though I think Cowdrey would be more valuable lower on the list. Richardson has had a wonderful season and his performances suggest that he may be England's regular opener for some years.

Every young middle batsman who was tried failed and until Washbrook and Compton were brought back the batting list had no backbone.

Sheppard, of course, was magnificent. But unfortunately for the world of cricket his history on the international field has ended.

England's bowling is strong. No country can match the pace potential represented by Tyson, Statham and Trueman, neither can they boast of wealth in spin

Tanny Campo Beats Frenchman On Points

Paris, Sept. 17. Philippines Bantamweight Champion Tanny Campo out-pointed Paris Flyweight Champion Henri Schmid tonight in a 10-round bout before 8,000 fans in the Sports Palace here.

Campo, a 15-year-old, fifth-ranking bantamweight, was far off his usual condition, probably because of the change in food and climate and his long lay-off since last May.

Campo, who was weakened by his efforts to make the weight limit, started slowly in the bout to save energy.

He boxed cleverly, especially at a distance, and made effective use of his chest weapon, a straight left. Schmid showed tough resistance, but lacked the experience necessary to deal with Campo's more accurate and effective blows.

Campo hit his stride in the final four rounds and appeared remarkably fresh in the dressing room after the bout.

Campo's managers, M. Menard and Gaston Charles Raymond, said they planned to match him in another training bout and then "shoot for the top." — France-Press.

British Skating Champion Announces Her Retirement

London, Sept. 17. Yvonne Sugden, 16-year-old British amateur women's skating champion, announced today that she has decided to retire completely from competition.

Miss Sugden won the British women's skating championship for the first time in 1954.

She held her title in competition in 1955 and 1956. — France-Press.

LINDSAY HASSETT

Here are the 1956 Test series findings of Lindsay Hassett, former Australia captain, who covered his countrymen's tour.

Test wickets . . . four discoveries . . . England's weakness . . . Australia's desperate need . . . future fate of The Ashes . . . Hassett has his say.

to compare with Laker, Lock, Wardle and Appleyard.

England's weakness lies in the lack of reserve of young class batsmen.

The season has shown some little development among the Australian team, notably in Benard as an all-rounder, Archer as a bowler, and Craig and Burke as batsmen.

Although McDonald's and Burke's performances have not been outstanding, they have shown sufficient form under the conditions to have established themselves as an opening pair of reasonable class.

FIGURES LIE

Craig, during the end of the season, looked so good that it would be difficult to imagine anything but a bright future for him—and this despite the fact that his four Test innings netted only 55 runs.

Burge also has shown some development and again his four Test figures do not give a clear

indication of the value of his performances.

Through this record wet season it has been difficult to assess the work of the batsmen, but it has shown so clearly Australia's lamentable weakness to spin that it has reopened the question of whether Australia should continue with their local policy of covering wickets.

I think that a change is necessary. I consider that not only would the batsmen benefit from the experience gained on uncovered wickets but that, eventually, the interest in the game would grow and the gate receipts increase.

Australia's batting in the immediate future will be built around Harvey, McDonald, Burke, Benard and Craig.

ONLY HOPE

Apart from Archer, the bowling horizon appears bare.

The gap left by Miller and Lindwall will be hard to fill.

1956 TEST FACTS AND FIGURES

DURING the series England called on 20 players, Australia 15. Those who played in all five Tests were May, Cowdrey, Evans, Richardson and Laker for England; and Johnson, Miller, Harvey, Burke, Benard, McDonald and Archer for Australia.

Players to "bag a pair of ducks" were Wardle (England) and Maddocks, Harvey, Maclean (Australia).

Manner in which players were dismissed: England—bowled 13, lbw 7, caught 41, stumped 2, run out 1, a total of 64 dismissals. Australia—bowled 21, lbw 10, caught 47, stumped 2, run out 1, 87 dismissals.

[Richardson was caught at the wicket in each of 8 innings, Cowdrey 4 times out of his 8 innings; Washbrook was lbw in each of his three innings.]

SCORES: England—"ducks" 14, 50's 11, 100's 3, Australia—"ducks" 17, 50's 8, 100's 0.

WICKETS TAKEN: England—fast bowlers 23, slow bowlers 64; Australia—fast bowlers 48, slow bowlers 15.

CATCHES: England—Lock 10, Evans 7 (and 2 stumpings), Gale 7, Bailey 6, Trueman 4, May 3, Cowdrey 3, Washbrook 2, Statham 2, Richardson 1, Graveney 1, Parks (12th man) 1, total 47; Australia—Langley 18 (and 1 stumping), Maddocks 5 (and 1 stumping), Archer 6, Benard 3, Miller 3, Davidson 2, Lindwall 2, Harvey 1, Maclean 1, total 41.

[Laker (England) and Johnson, Burke and McDonald (Australia) played in all five Tests but did not take a catch.]

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SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

No Successor To Jimmy Seed Likely To Be Appointed In The Immediate Future

Charlton Athletic are not likely to appoint a successor to Jimmy Seed, who retired this week after 23 years as manager of the club, for some time.

Several applications have been received, but said director David Clark: "We are in a hurry." But when a new boss is found he will be team manager only.

For Jack Phillips, Seed's Assistant Secretary for several years, has been appointed club secretary.

Pat McAtee, British Middleweight Champion, will be able to fight in New York, as planned, on September 17, against Law Lazar at Nottingham on October 8.

The British Boxing Board of Control have given permission for the New York fight to go on provided McAtee returns to England by air on September 18. And observes "certain conditions." This waives the British rule that a boxer may not fight within 28 days of a title bout.

PROFESSIONAL DEBUT: Tony Morrison, the former British Davis Cup player, makes

his professional debut in the London professional indoor championships at Wembley, beginning September 26. Having drawn a first round bye, he meets Australia's Frank Sedgman, the top seed and favourite, in the second round.

Charles Hewitt, hard-talking boss of Millwall until the club sacked him last season, may return to football in the London area: Hewitt has turned down offers from outside London because "I will not leave the city where I have worked and lived for 20 years."

Jimmy Guthrie, burly bow-tied chairman of the Football Players' Union, has had another dig at the Chancellor, Mr

Macmillan. At last week's Trades Union Congress in Brighton, Jimmy introduced a motion, unanimously adopted, asking for the removal of entertainment tax on professional soccer, and drawing the Government's attention to the "perilous financial position of the majority of clubs and players as a result of this tax."

Art Stokes, the young Tottenham centre-forward who gained an England intermediate cap last year, will not move to Everton. The clubs had agreed to terms, involving a £12,000 fee, but after a full board meeting, Everton announced that they were no longer interested.

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THE GAMBOLES



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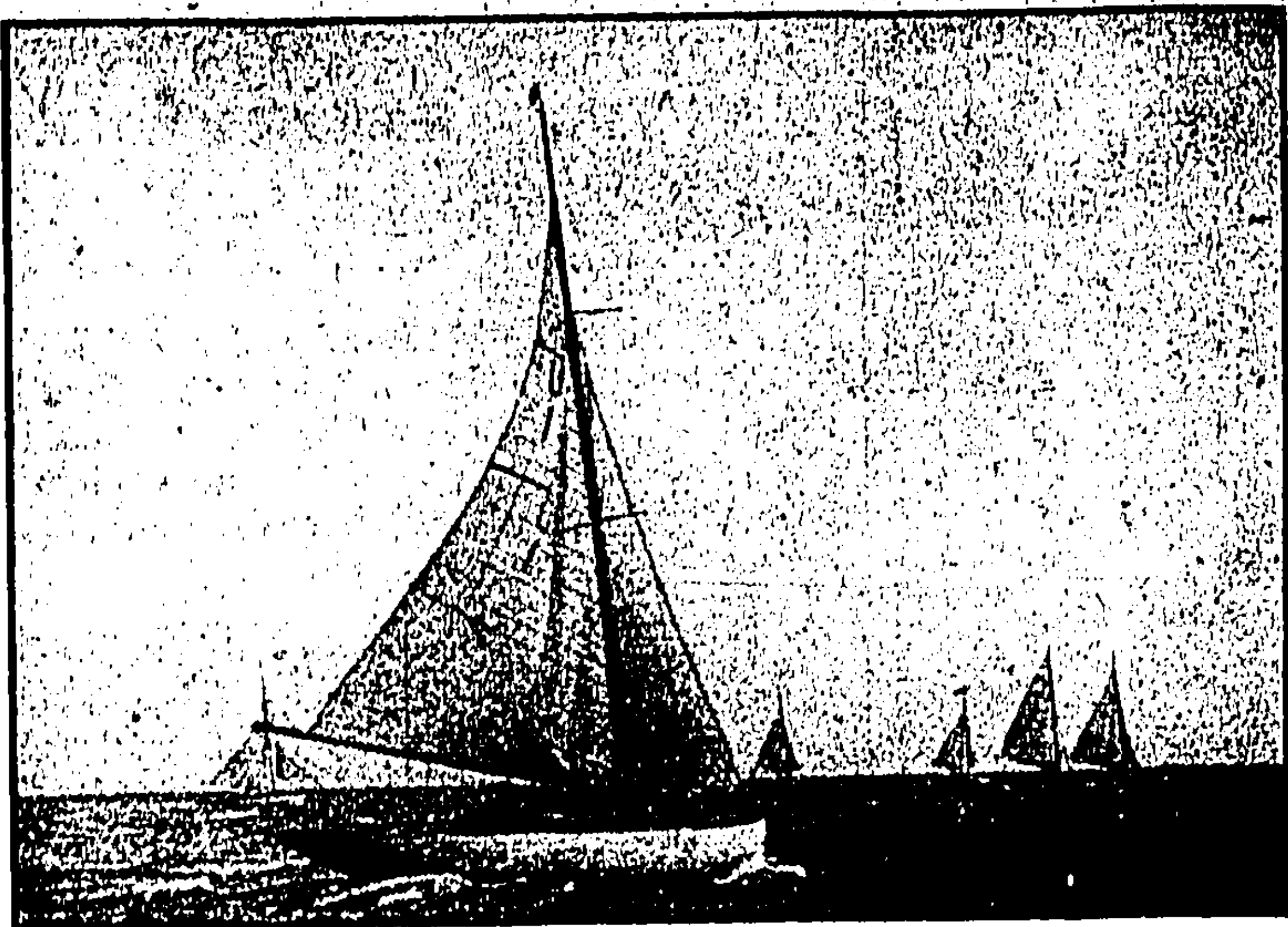


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The Army Sailing Association's annual regatta was held at Swansea on September 7 and 8. Picture shows the start of the Challenge Cup Race.

SEPT. 12 AT THE WHITE CITY

Pirie Runs His Fastest 1,500 Metres, Is Second To A German

By the "Times" Athletics Correspondent

The race of the evening at the AAA floodlight international athletics meeting, sponsored by the *Daily Express*, was the 1,500 Metres. The last-minute inclusion of D. A. G. Pirie added expectancy to excitement, and the pulse of the crowd quickened and throbbed at each move.

Pirie followed Davies for two laps, rolling along with deceptive ease. When Chataway jumped from the pack with Gordon in close attendance after 600 yards, 40,000 people went with him to a man, sensing the urgency of the moment.

Britain leading the field 1, 2, and 3—but an unheralded athlete from East Germany K. Richtenhain, stole a march on his more illustrious rivals. Moving into the lead with a lap and a half to go he held off all opposition.

Pirie chased him home to the rear of the crowd, was at his shoulder coming into the last straight, but could only give way to the better man.

However, it is there for all to read that Pirie ran the fastest 1,500 Metres of his career in 4 min. 43.4 sec., four-tenths of a second ahead of the Olympic record, as, indeed, both runners were of the Olympic record holder, J. Barthel, who was also running in the race.

The 4 by 400 Metres Relay made a stir among the large crowd when Higgins, running third, gave Wheeler a seven-yard lead, who then went off rather too fast.

Has the Germans' last man, slowly narrowed the gap, closed on Wheeler round the last bend, and, with a superb piece of controlled running, drew ahead down the straight to give his team victory in the fast time of 3 min. 7.8 sec. The time of the United Kingdom team was one second better than the previous best.

FALSE STARTS

After two false starts in the High Hurdles Parker seemed to be first away, but the coloured American, Pratt, and Steines, of Germany, were in front at the third hurdle. Pratt, forehead to knee in mid-air above each hurdle, a picture of precision, certainly looked a winner, but Steines nearly caught him in the last 25 yards, and the runners were both timed at 14.3 sec.

Time was not altogether surprisingly beaten in the 100 Metres A race, though, by virtue of his exceptional time recently, one has come to expect great

NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

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- 10 In the Orient
- 11 Tower

Solution Page 9

Going by air?

then BE SPECIFIC



GIANTS OF SPORT

BABE RUTH—A MAN OF MANY MOODS AND NUMEROUS QUALITIES

By ERIC NICHOLLS

To the registrar of births in Baltimore, Maryland, it was George Herman Ehrhardt. To Ehrhardt himself it became George Herman Ruth. To millions of baseball lovers and millions more who had never seen the game, it was just plain "Babe Ruth", a man whose memory will live as long as baseball is played.

Everything Ruth did, he did in a big way. He played ball on the same enormous scale on which he lived his life, intensely, fervently, with tremendous sincerity and passion.

There are some men who have lived their lives in the headlines. Babe Ruth was such a man. The only way he ever knew was the parallel columns of newspapers.

George Herman Ruth was a man of many moods, of numerous qualities. He got into just about as much assorted trouble as a man could. He earned more money than his fellow men (at one time more even than the President of the United States). And he was loved and respected as no other national figure has been.

AMAZING FEATS

Many have tried to emulate Ruth's amazing feats of the twenties and thirties. None have succeeded. The Baseball Register devotes 23 lines of fine print to just the records he set, and most of them still stand.

In his 21 years in the big leagues he scored 730 home runs, sixty of them in one season, and had a lifetime batting average of .342. Babe Ruth started in 1914 as a \$900 (signing-on fee) pitcher with minor league club Baltimore Orioles. The same year he moved to the Red Sox at a salary of \$1,300. Four years later the same club paid him \$10,000.

But it was with the New York Yankees that Ruth began his spectacular and scandal-spangled career as a nationally and internationally known personality. They paid \$125,000 for him in 1920 and raised Babe's salary to \$20,000. It was raised again, and again, until in 1929 he was collecting a cool \$80,000. That was apart from all bonuses and extras which

included \$100 for each home run.

Sports writers called him the "King of Clout", "The Behemoth of Bust", "Babe" became "Bambino" and was then shortened to "Bom" for headline purposes.

He was as spectacular in defeat as he was in success. Whatever he did had a dramatic touch. Much of his popularity was due to his emotional appeal to the fans. As Paul Gallico once wrote of Ruth: "I have seen hundreds of ball-players at the plate, and none of them managed to convey the message of impending doom to a pitcher that Babe Ruth does with the cock of his head, the position of his legs, and the little waving of his bat, feathered in his two big paws."

In 1920 a man died of excitement watching the Babe hit a ball into the stands.

DRAMATIC GESTURE

Ruth saved his most dramatic gesture for the end. In the 1932 World Series, the last in which he played, Yankees were up against the Chicago Cubs. The Cubs were riding Babe, trying to make him lose his head. The Chicago fans were hostile. When Ruth came in to bat again and missed the pitch, they hissed him. When he missed the second they booed and hooted him.

Then, before the third strike he pointed to the centre field flagpole showing that he would drive the next pitch out of the park at that point. He did! Ruth was a hero, but human. When he hit the home runs and the headlines, it was in many

ways natural that plunged into fame and fortune he should go off the rails.

In 1922 Ruth committed "the gravest sin in baseball"—leaving the field to chase a patron whose remarks he had resented.

He drank too much; gambled too heavily; fought everyone in authority, and ran into various traffic charges and civil suits. He even played bad baseball. The unmanageable Ruth was suspended from playing for a time by the Yankees manager Miller Huggins.

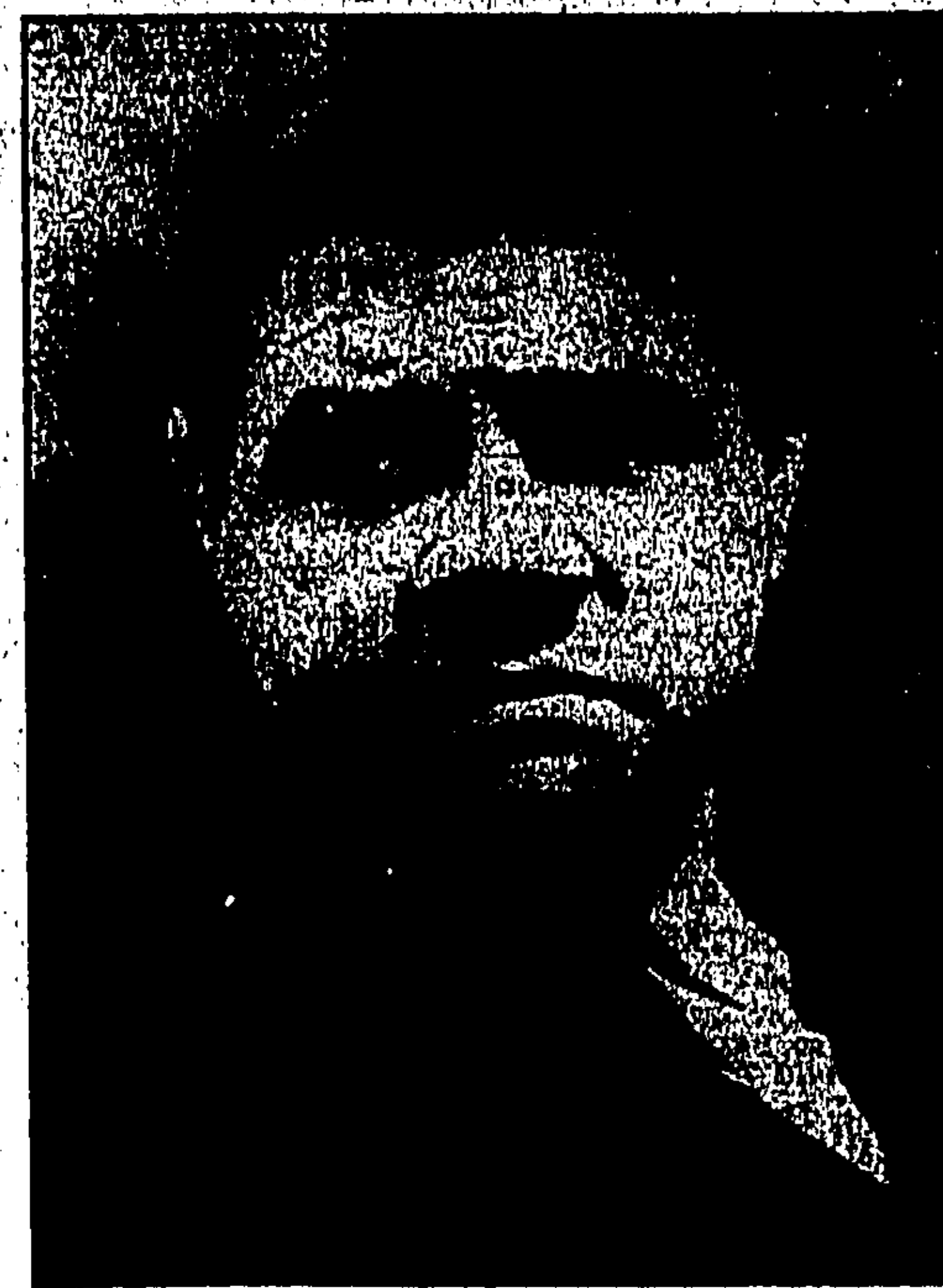
Finally at the annual dinner of the Baseball Writers' Association, New York State Senator Jimmy Walker, later Mayor of New York, made a personal but public plea to Babe Ruth to reform and make himself worthy of "the dirty-faced kids in the streets" who worshipped him. Ruth's great responsibility to the youth of the nation.

Ruth got to his feet and with tears streaming down his big ugly face promised the dirty-faced kids of the nation to behave for their sake. He kept his promise. He was never in trouble again. Not that it made him a less picturesque character, because he never went "soft" on the boys. He retained his appetite and gusto for living. He merely toned them down. Everyone loved Babe for it.

Such was the humility of Babe Ruth.

WILL TO LIVE

In 1920 a child named Johnny Silverstar lay seriously weakened



BABE RUTH

after an operation; doctors felt that if he was able to see his idol, Babe Ruth, it might give him the will to live. They managed to contact Ruth who came and chaired, gave Johnny an autographed baseball and then before he left for the stadium promised to hit a home run that afternoon and dedicate it to Johnny. He did!

Once Ruth was near to death with acute indigestion as a result of a "sack"—a dozen railroad station frankfurters washed down with eight bottles of soda pop—the entire nation held its breath. Even the English newspapers took up with by his bedside. When Ruth recovered the nation gave a sigh of relief.

They flocked in their thousands to see Babe Ruth in action. When he was absent from the line-up Yankees ball games drew only half their normal 35,000-40,000 week-day patrons and 60,000-70,000 on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Yankee Stadium is still known as "The House that Ruth Built," and right field is still called "Ruthville."

And when Babe Ruth died on August 16, 1948 of throat cancer, his body lay in state in the Yankee Stadium. Over 100,000 people came to pay their last respects.

When Babe Ruth died, the mystery of how his name came to be George Herman Ruth died with him.

So did that surrounding his father and mother. Ruth was often referred to as an orphan, but this the Babe denied. "My folks lived in Baltimore and my father worked in the waterfront district where I was raised," he once wrote. "We were very poor. And there were times when we never knew where the next meal was coming from. But I never minded. I was no worse off than the other kids with whom I played and fought."

Was it George Herman Ehrhardt, George Herman Ruth, or what? Who cares? To his friends and the millions of baseball lovers who counted themselves his admirers, it was Babe Ruth. And that was good enough for them.

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WE'RE HEADING FOR A HIDING BUT . . .

Don't Let Them Call Us Soccer Quitters

By ALAN HOBY

Britain's unhappy Olympic footballers are under the lash. After that 5-1 thrashing by Denmark's amateurs they are being pelted with every jibe in the critics' lexicon. "We haven't a chance. Pull out of the Games before it is too late," is the cry.

It makes me mad! I think it is time to give the other side of the picture.

True, the Copenhagen fiasco dashed many hopes. True, barring a miracle, Bob Hardisty and his boys are heading for a soccer hiding at Melbourne, where the Russians will be overwhelming favourites to win the title.

True, also, that £15,000 it will cost to send the team to the 16th Olympiad is a large chunk of money to spend—especially when the cause seems hopeless from the start.

But, if we face the facts squarely and honestly, are any of these valid reasons why we should call like QUITTERS?

The worst thing we could do would be to withdraw because we know we're going to get a hammering; because we think we aren't good enough.

Indeed whenever the dry comes that we drop out of international competition because we're afraid of being beaten, then we may as well pack up altogether.

TOP-LEVEL SPORTS

Don't misunderstand me. I don't retract our word I've written over the years about winning being more important in top-level sport than losing. Quixotic gestures, however sporting—like that of motor-cycling ace Peter Collins in the European Grand Prix—get my goat.

In my view, Collins would have won far more prestige for Britain had he carried on to win the world title instead of so chivalrously handing over his car to the holder, Juan Fangio.

I prefer the Gordon Pirie outlook. Galloping Gordon is not a bad loser—but he trains to WIN—ALL THE WAY.

He is ruthless in the pursuit of that ideal—as he proved in so magnificently what he bested there and won by in Sweden's 10000 metres. I don't agree with everything he does,

far from it, but as I have always said—what a runner!

But, let me emphasise once again, I would rather we were losers any day than quitters.

That's why I maintain that on no account must Britain's Olympic football team "do a Hungary".

And his one-time eleven of world-beaters are, of course, the Olympic football champions—but they won't be at Melbourne to defend their title.

RECENT DEFEATS

After recent defeats by Turkey, Belgium, and Czechoslovakia, they don't fancy any more lickings! They have said quite clearly that changes in their method of team selection "do not give promise of success at Melbourne."

Whatever you may think of the amateur rating of some of the sides taking part in Olympic football, it is one of the toughest soccer tournaments in the world. Ask the Hungarians themselves. After beating the Yugoslavs in the Olympic final at Helsinki four years ago they spent the following seasons whipping everyone in sight—including England 6-3 and 7-1.

But did we whine? Or fold up? Or default on our international engagements?

No... England's professional stars tried, however painfully, to learn from past mistakes.

And that's what our unsung and unknown amateurs must strive to do in the little time they have left.

They should view this Olympic job as a challenge of guts, character, and individual skill.

TECHNICAL HANDICAPS

I know the technical handicaps. I know the appalling statistics. I know that the players come from all parts of the country. And I know that far too many of them have been

treated like football outcasts denied proper facilities by League clubs and forced to train on public parks and amateur grounds.

But even if they are beaten 10-1 at Melbourne—and they won't be if they get themselves really fit—they should still go—

1. Because, despite being beaten by Bulgaria in the qualifying rounds, Great Britain has been invited to send a side. 2. Because these 1936 Games are taking place within the Commonwealth. Moreover, it would be unthinkable not to send a team to Australia from the home of soccer.

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HOME SOCCER RESULTS

Results of tonight's English and Scottish football matches were—

League II	League III	League III North	League III South
Bury 4, Colchester City 5	Northampton 2, Plymouth A. 0	Bradford 1, Hull City 1	Cardiff 0, Chester 0
Gateshead 4, Wigan 1	Stockport C. 2, Carlisle 0	York City 0, Chester 0	Glasgow Celtic 1, Rangers 0
Partick Thistle 0, Renfrew 0			

BASEBALL SCORES

NATIONAL LEAGUE (First Game)

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Milwaukee	2	6	1
New York	2	1	0
St. Louis	2	1	0
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BRITAIN LISTS HER BOGIE MEN

Official Register Of Unusual Occupations

London, Sept. 17.
Napoleon described the English as a nation
of shopkeepers but that was because, unavoidably,
he never had a look into the Government's new
handbook called "Classification of Occupations."

Published by the Stationery
Office and available to the
public for 30 shillings it pro-
vides many enjoyable hours for
those who see nothing peculiar
or odd about their own job,
but think that their neighbour's
is plain silly.

Listed in three or four neat
columns per page there are
317 pages—of the thousands
of occupations by which
Englishmen who are not shop-
keepers earn their shillings and
pennies and Yorkshire puddings.

Fang Manager

The occupations are listed
according to industry but no
description of the individual job
is given, allowing the reader to
make what he will of some
curious—and often blood-
curdling—names.

What for example is a fang
manager, a bogie man, a back
stripper, a sample bruiser, a
lyncher, a stick-up and a
head setter-out?

They are not original models
for the lurid covers on paper-
back thrillers but workers in
the mining, pottery and leather
dressing industries.

A fang manager in coal
mining looks after ventilation;
a bogie man handles coal trucks
and trams and a back stripper
breaks coal underground.

A sample bruiser in the metal
industry pulverises samples of
ore with a hammer.

A lyncher fastens movable
limits in the soft toy trade. A
stick-up fixes pieces of pottery
such as spouts on tea-pots; and
a head setter-out stretches
leather.

Then there are the gay sprites
who tell at being joy loaders,
bobby lads, jollers, jiggerers,
brewery snifters, pudding fillers
or liquorice strippers.

Joy Loader

A joy loader loads coal on to
trucks or trams and bobby lads
measure work done by the
miners.

Picture the thin miner, the
fat boy, the endless rope boy
and the god-like hip and valley
maker.

The thin miner works on thin
coal seams, the fat boy is a
juvenile unskilled general
worker in the coal mines and
the endless rope boy attaches
or detaches the trucks and trams
to "endless" ropes. Hip and
Valley are names of curved roof
tiles.

There is also the rider on
top—a rope changer at the end
of a run of coal trucks—who
sounds more like the title of a
cowboy ballad than a working
man.

A "pan doctor" repairs con-
veyors in a coal mine and a
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The "mumbler" must certain-
ly be a friend of Dick Tracey's.
Another name for him is glass-
blower.

Trolloper

Then there are the trolloper
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REPLACING AUSTRALIA'S HORSE AND BUGGY MAIN ROADS

Melbourne, Sept. 17.

Australia is clamouring to replace its
roads of horse and buggy days standard
with an inter-capital, multi-lane system to
make road transport an extension of the
factory conveyor belt.

It took a hold-up of 1,000
vehicles, £A3,000,000
(\$2,400,000 sterling) worth of
goods and a small army of
angry frustrated drivers to
understand the continuing econo-
mic and military threat which
is inherent in present road
planning.

To alter it, according to
transport research authorities,
may cost £A300,000,000
(\$2,400,000,000 sterling) over ten
years.

SYSTEM FAILED

That sum would not give the
right number of places for
the right number of traffic lanes
but, soundly spent, it would
provide main inter-State high-
ways and integrate development
area roads in individual States.

Australia's road system has
failed because there has been
no national planning, and the
remedy has been deferred be-
cause there has been no
national approach.

Advocates of better roads and
more traffic lanes along these
roads are more hopeful now
than ever before of overall
planning, overall building and
overall maintenance for overall
national needs.

Key to it all, of course, is
finance. All the money spent
on roads in the past has come
from the pockets of taxpayers.
All the money which will be
spent in the future will have
to come from the same source.
And the Australian Trans-
port Advisory Council, which
could be the medium for direct-
ing co-ordination of effort and
spending, is convinced that Aus-
tralia will have to step up its
tax revenue.

UNANIMOUS

As Minister for Shipping and
Transport, Senator Patridge is
chairman of the Advisory Coun-
cil.

This has been achieved in
spite of the lack of satisfactory
roads and, later, in the face of
restrictive State taxing
measures, which were even-
tually declared to be un-
constitutional after legal battles
through the Australian courts
and an appeal to the Privy
Council.

LINKED BY SEA

Road haulage has become a
vital factor in the free and fast
movement of goods between
Australian capitals. All the
capitals are linked in the rail-
ways system but there is even-
tually declared to be un-
constitutional after legal battles
through the Australian courts
and an appeal to the Privy
Council.

The capitals are also linked
by sea but waterfront industrial
troubles have made sea carriage
of goods an uncertain venture
where time is important.

But, unless Australia pushes
an effective road programme
through in quick time, industry
might again become dependent
on ships and trains for domestic
haulage.

Expert estimate is that trans-
portation in Australia accounts
for one third of the cost of
every item produced.

It is through efficient road
transport, the experts think,
that costs can be cut to put
Australia in a stronger com-
petitive position at home and
abroad.

Under the pounding which
existing roads receive from
vehicles they plainly cannot
endure. The highways could dis-
appear in slash and dash or be-
come unrecognisable chains of
potholes and craters.

Road transport hopes are
planned on the national financial
survey to be made as the chief
outcome of the meeting of the
Transport Advisory Council.

Federal, State, municipal and
road authority authorities would
need to be blended in an or-
dinated drive to achieve the
overall objective.

PATCHING UP

The Acting Prime Minister,
Sir Arthur Fadden, has an-
nounced that the Commu-
nwealth Government will con-
sider any national road plan
which is acceptable to the
States.

Meanwhile, patching of roads
must continue to enable trans-
port to make some use of them
or the transports must be ex-
cluded to preserve the roads for
the light traffic of the horse
and buggy days. — China Mail
Special.



Guests By Helicopter

Suva, Sept. 17.
For the first time, the Gov-
ernor of Fiji has received an
official call by helicopter. The
caller was Captain W.H. Har-
rington, of HMAS Sydney,
which arrived at Suva on a
five-day visit.

Rugby, Soccer, hockey and
basketball matches were plan-
ned for the ship's company and
arrangements made for water-
polo, golf and tennis.

Social arrangements included
three dances for ratings, and
cocktail parties for the officers.
—China Mail Special.

FRIENDSHIP LAMP

Wellington, Sept. 17.
Wellington City Council has
accepted a lamp from the Italian
Lampada della Fraternita to be
lighted at the Citizens' war
memorial on various commemo-
rative occasions.
The lamp was presented as a
gesture of international goodwill.
—China Mail Special.

Sneaked On Sneak Thief

Sydney, Sept. 17.
Lord Arthur Stanhope, a 24-
year-old machinist ended up in
Central Court here on a charge
of theft because a man living at
the seaside suburb of Maroubra
looked through binoculars at a
beach half a mile from his
home.

The watcher saw a man
stealing from bathers' clothes
he ran to his car and headed for
the beach, picking up a
police officer on the way.
They arrived as the man
glanced through the binoculars
was leaving the beach. —China
Mail Special.

Crippled Scout In London

London, Sept. 17.
Allan Peckham, paralysed
17-year-old scout from Peter-
maritzburg, Natal, has arrived in
London by air from Johannes-
burg for hospital treatment.
Allan, holder of the Scouts'
"Victoria Cross" for courage in
suffering was crippled 14 months
ago when he fell 40 feet while
climbing a mountain during a
camping trip with friends.
The Mayor of Petermaritz-
burg raised nearly £2,000 by
public subscription to send him
to London for a cure. —China
Mail Special.

Publicity Tax

Sydney, Sept. 17.
The Australian Apple and
Pear Growers' Association con-
ference has decided to ask the
Federal Government for a levy
of 14d on every case of export-
ed apples to pay for publicising
Australian fruit in the United
Kingdom. —China Mail Special.

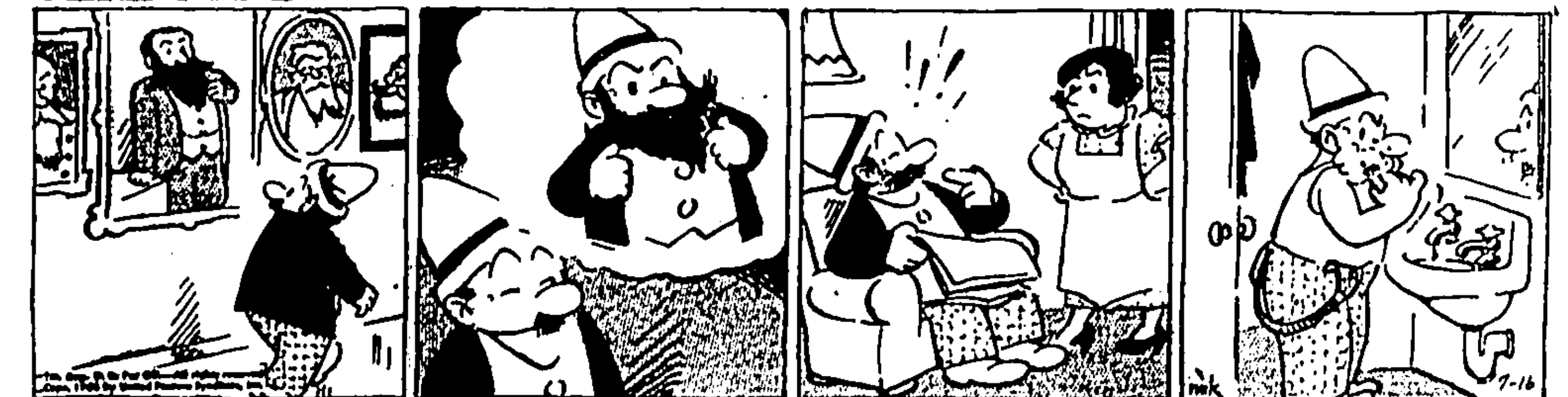
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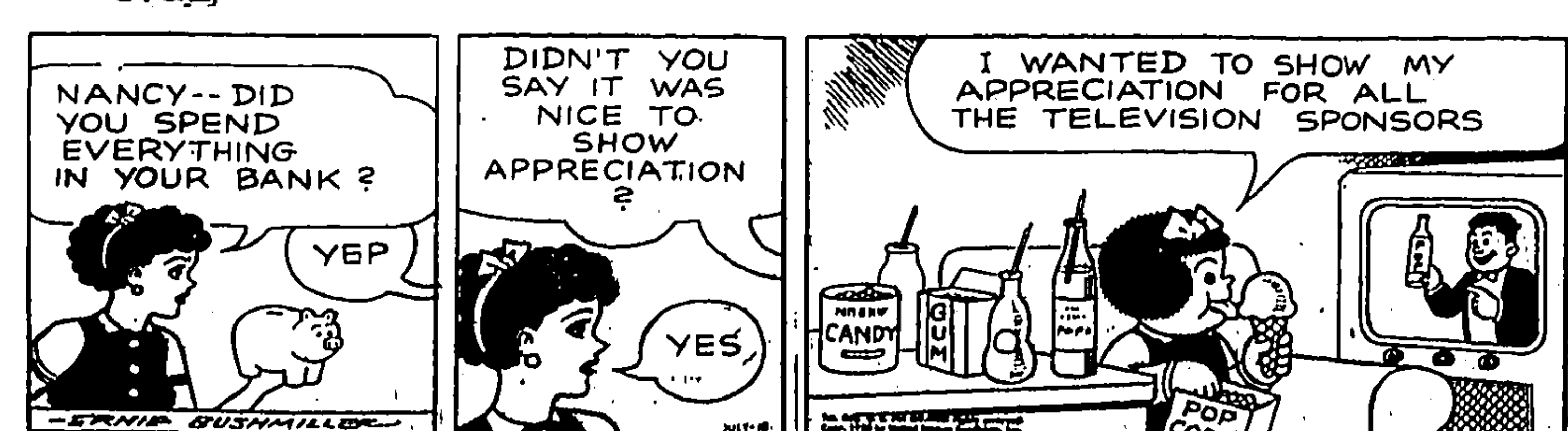
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